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AHS Strikes On Two Fronts For Titles

The probable and the improbable struck two Agawam High School teams on a warm and humid Tuesday evening at Chicopee's Szot Park.

First, the AHS varsity baseball team, which had entered the tournament at a lower seed and was not considered a threat to make a run at the title, defeated defending champion Westfield in dramatic fashion, 6-5 to capture its first Western Mass Division I baseball championship.

Under Coach Boo Smith, the Brownies upset Holyoke in the first round, stunned undefeated and top-seeded Cathedral in the sectional semi-finals, and then stopped Westfield Tuesday night for all the marbles in a game where the Brownies simply refused to lose.

Immediately after, the Brownie girls, the defending Western Mass. champs and a team that figured to be there from the beginning of the season, upended Amherst Regional, 7-2 under the lights at Szot Park and gave Coach Debbie Lickley her second straight title.

Both Brownie teams are now advancing to the state semi-finals at presstime. For the Brownie boys, this is new territory while the girls will go after the state title which eluded them a year ago in the championship game.

Congratulations to both teams. SEE OUR SPORTS SECTION FOR GAME COVERAGE.

School Committee Expected To Pick Superintendent

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The School Committee concluded its interviews of the three final candidates vying for the position of school superintendent at the June 11th meeting. The committee will make their choice at a special meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 18th.

In televised interviews spread out over two nights, the committee heard from Frank A. Ameruso, a school superintendent from Pennsylvania; Carl A. Ostrowski, principal of Westfield High School; and Vincent F. Simone, an education consultant and former superintendent of schools in Bellmore, New York.

Using the same interview format and questions for each finalist, the School Committee sought insights into each candidate's management style, as well as their positions on issues that included controlling Special Education costs, handling parental complaints on teacher performance, the importance of the arts in public education, and the heterogeneous grouping of students for instruction.

At the end of each interview, the candidates were asked why they should be chosen for the job.

Ameruso said he would lead the system into the 21st century and "you'll be proud of where you're at."

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These Kids Are Ready For The Summer...



AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL SIXTH GRADERS revel at their end-of-the-school-year dance on Friday evening, May 31st. RELATED PHOTOS IN EDUCATION SECTION.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Berkshire Power To Receive OK From State Agency For Plant

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The plan to build a gas-fired power plant on Moylan Lane is expected to be approved by the state's Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB) when they meet next week.

Last Friday, the EFSB staff issued a report recommending that the power project proposed by Berkshire Power be approved by the full board.

"This is a major milestone for the project and it validates everything that we have been saying for the past year and a half," said Berkshire Power Project Director Ken Roberts. "The EFSB staff conducted 15 days of hearings and examined over 600 exhibits regarding this project. There can be no doubt in anyone's mind that every issue was examined thoroughly by the experts."

Noting that the project has been denied a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals, the EFSB report notes that the site plan has been approved by the Planning Board. "Thus, while there may be a difference of opinion within the community as to the desirability of locating a generation facility in the industrial park, the proposed facility is not clearly inconsistent with the Town's land use objectives for the primary site," according to the EFSB staff decision.

The report also states that it is the first time the EFSB has reviewed a power plant proposal where required zoning approval has been denied by the

host community. The EFSB notes that the issuance of a special permit by a local authority does not determine the board's acceptance of the site land use impacts and "the Siting Board conducts an independent review of land use impacts."

The EFSB Permit Is Critical

Roberts said the EFSB permit is the critical one for the power project. The approval is subject to several conditions that will be imposed on the project before, during, and after construction and include some steps that had been proposed by the developers.

Berkshire Power spokesman Kevin O'Reilly said, "Every decision has conditions attached. There's nothing here that we can't live with. Some of the conditions are things we had already talked about, like off-site tree planting on Losito Lane and Shoemaker Lane."

Other conditions listed in the recommendation call for an annual seedling distribution program, cooperation with officials of the municipal water supply system, a traffic mitigation plan to minimize construction-related traffic impacts at the intersection of Suffield Street and Shoemaker Lane during peak periods, and steps to minimize noise impacts.

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Ostrowski said he had the abilities, skills, and traits that best fit Agawam. "You have to be sure that I am the hand that matches your glove," Ostrowski said.

Simone, who was also a finalist for the same position four years ago, said his love of long-range planning and his experience, primarily in Massachusetts' schools, were the reasons he would be the best choice. "I will bring a point of view that will be good for teachers and for kids," Simone said.

Simone said his office staff would describe him as someone with high expectations of himself and others, and someone who valued old-fashioned virtues like trustworthiness, hard work, and a conscientious attitude.

Simone joked that his staff and the public in Bellmore, New York, saw him as a New Englander from the 1880's — a little odd and archaic, but "doing the best for the kids."

The teachers were a little surprised that he was someone they could talk to, and someone who was available to them as a coach rather than a judge, Simone said.

Ostrowski said his office staff would describe him as caring, hardworking, and as someone who believes in students rather than giving up on them. He said teachers think of him as a provider, a supporter, and someone who is aware of their existence as teachers.

STATE APPROVAL - from Page 1...**The EFSB Permit Is Critical**

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EFSB Decision Is No Surprise To Opponents

Kenneth Forni, spokesman for the opposition group Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam, said the EFSB decision came as no surprise to the opponents of the project.

Ostrowski said the public sees him as a promoter of education, someone who is constantly broadcasting students' achievements, and someone who attends every event put on by the schools.

"People will be saying, 'Every event I go to, there's the superintendent. How many brothers does that guy have?'"

Ameruso, whose secretary complained that the Agawam School Committee representatives did not speak with her on their site visit, said his office staff would say he was fair, consistent, and conscientious. The teachers would describe him as knowledgeable, amenable, and sharp; the public would say he is communicative, approachable, and a visionary, Ameruso said.

Ameruso holds a doctorate and a post-doctoral degree from the University of Pittsburgh in addition to two master's degrees from Duquesne University.

For the last six years, he has been the superintendent of the California, Pennsylvania school district. He was the superintendent in Carlynton for four years, and the superintendent in St. Clair for one year. He was the director of curriculum and instruction in the Deer Lakes School District, and served as an adjunct professor at Penn State University for 10 years.

Ostrowski has been the principal of Westfield High School for 11 years, and was an assistant principal at West Springfield High School for 12

"The EFSB has never disallowed a power plant," Forni said.

Forni said the plant cannot be built without the approval of a special permit from the ZBA, and his group believes the state cannot and should not override local zoning authorities.

Forni said the state would put over 300 local zoning boards in jeopardy if the ZBA's denial of Berkshire Power's request for a special permit were overturned.

The dispute over the ZBA's denial of a special permit for structures at the power plant to exceed the 40-foot height restriction in the zoning code is in litigation and the case is expected to be heard in August.

Forni criticized the payment in lieu of taxes plan negotiated between the town and Berkshire Power, charging the company could afford to pay the town an additional \$1 million per year.

years. For the last eight years, he has been an adjunct instructor at Westfield State College.

Ostrowski holds a master's degree in school administration from UMASS, a bachelor's degree from Westfield State College, and a trainer certificate from Adelphi University.

Ostrowski has been an evaluator and chair for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc., and has been a committee representative for New England at the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Simone, a graduate of Boston University, holds both a master's and a doctoral degree in education from Harvard University. He is currently living in Buzzard's Bay and working as a consultant for Education Testing Services. He was the superintendent of schools in Bellmore, New York, for three years, and the superintendent/principal of the Carlisle schools for three years.

In Newton, Massachusetts, Simone served as a math and science teacher for 10 years before being promoted to curriculum coordinator (one year) and then to elementary school principal (12 years).

The recipient of fellowships from the National Science Foundation and Harvard, Simone has been a presenter at conventions for the American Educational Research Association and the American Association of School Administrators, and at the Long Island University Summer Institute.

"Building on this site, as opposed to the site in Southwick, will save them \$11 million. If they're saving \$11 million in construction, they can afford to pay \$1 million more a year to the town," Forni said.

While he did not expect the EFSB report to convince "politically motivated opponents" to support the power plant, Roberts said, "We hope those people who had legitimate environmental concerns will now have confidence that those concerns were reviewed by true environmental experts."

The EFSB decision keeps the project on its development timetable, and the company expects to begin operation in 1999, Roberts said.

At presstime, a special meeting of the Town Council was scheduled to continue the public hearing on the payment in lieu of tax agreement negotiated between the town and Berkshire Power.

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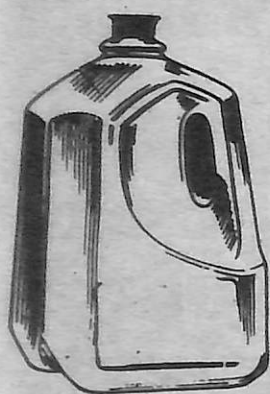
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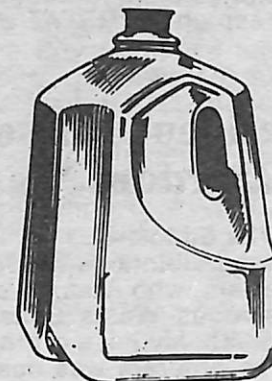


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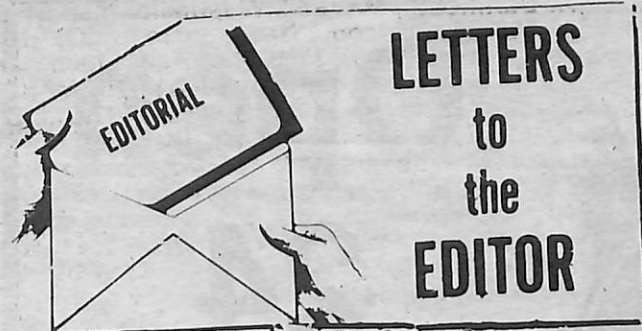
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Middle School Bands Are Praised For Performances

To The Editor:

We would like to congratulate Mr. Longstreeth, Band Director, and the fifth- and sixth-grade bands from Agawam Middle School for the superb performances at the recent concerts.

We very much appreciate all Mr. Longstreeth has done for our son and all the other music students involved. His enthusiasm for music and dedication to teaching these young students encourages them to want to perform.

Keep up the GREAT work!

Herb & Teresa Holl
Feeding Hills

Resident Praises Town's Hazardous Waste Collection

To The Editor:

Congratulations to everyone from the Town of Agawam who was involved in the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, June 8th. My hat's off to you!

The program was operated efficiently and effortlessly for those bringing materials. Thank you for a job well done!

In over 45 years of residing in Agawam, I have never seen a more efficient and effective program. You are to be commended!

Appreciatively,
Jean M. Clifford
Agawam

What Siting Board Decision Means To People Of Agawam

To The Editor:

By the time this issue of *The Agawam Advertiser News* reaches its readers, the State Energy Facilities Siting Board (Siting Board) should have reached a tentative decision in the matter of the petition of Berkshire Power Development, Inc. to construct a power plant in the town of Agawam. (Docket No. EFSB 95-1)

All intervenors who timely submit written comments on the tentative decision will be allowed to address the Siting Board at that meeting. The meeting has been set for Wednesday, June 19, 1996 at 9:30 a.m. in Boston.

The Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam (CCBA) expect that the tentative decision will favor Berkshire Power to site their plant. Past history of the Siting Board decisions indicates that all power plants proposed by developers have received site permitting. (This is standard practice on the Siting Board's part, if the developers meet state law requirements.)

Recently the Supreme Judicial Court has overturned Energy Facilities Siting Board approvals of two proposed coal plants (New Bedford and Taunton) and a natural gas plant (Lynn). Because the Siting Board did not find, based on the evidence, that the plants were needed and that they were

preferable to the cleaner alternatives, in Taunton's case, the Supreme Judicial Court sent back to the Siting Board Taunton's petition for a second review and at this time, is going through the hearing process.

In Taunton's case, Ken Roberts was the developer for Silver City Energy Limited Partnership, who in the spring of 1995 abandoned the project. (This is the same Ken Roberts of Berkshire Power.)

What does this mean to the people of Agawam?

1. The CCBA believes that the State Energy Facilities Siting Board will grant the state's approval to site (build on this location) the proposed power plant. Remember, this is on state side of the permitting process only.

2. Even though the Siting Board may approve the plant, it **does not** mean they have **overturned** the Board of Appeals decision.

3. The Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals' denial still stands and takes precedent over all other state permitting.

4. **Under Agawam's Zoning laws, the plant cannot be built. Period.**

Finally, if the Siting Board's decision is favorable to grant the siting permit to Berkshire Power, then under the judicial review process, M.G.L. C.25, S.5, a party may seek judicial review of the final decision with the State Supreme Judicial Court within 30 days.

Karl Stieg
Agawam

Council Meeting Showcases Same Old-Style Politicians

To The Editor:

My 10 year-old daughter had the privilege of attending the June 3, 1996 farce conducted as an Agawam Town Council meeting. On her return home after that event, she asked me, "Daddy, why did the councilors complain for a half-hour about how long it would take to hear more speakers? They could have heard three more people at 10 minutes apiece during that time."

I only wonder why the supposed adults conducting that so-called meeting could not have figured that one out.

Despite the Town Council being divided over the "in lieu of taxes" treaty being foisted on us by Berkshire power and their pet Mayor, for once, the councilors appeared to be in agreement with one another. Unfortunately, such consensus apparently was to whine about having to hear all the speakers who had signed up.

Otherwise, the Town Council "meeting" followed its usual routine. The Berkshire Power shills on our Town Council, particularly Town Council "President" Thompson, appeared to play their perennial game of allowing Berkshire Power mercenaries to speak first and then exceed their allotted speaker time.

Also usual for such a hearing, it appeared that "Councilor" Bitzas was having a hard time staying awake to hear the CITIZENS' side of the issue. As Bitzas has shown considerable disdain for the opposition to his Berkshire Power masters over the past year, this is hardly surprising. Bitzas' apparent use of his Town Council seat to further his pursuits may also have a hand in disturbing his concentration on citizens' issues.

Equally unfortunate for the town, Thompson was not removed from her council "presidency" during the June 3rd circus. Thompson's summary dismissal of a citizens' petition for a hearing denied the people of Agawam an opportunity to have some light shed on possible additional corruption in our town government.

By acting in such high-handed manner, again, Thompson not only appears to cement a firm position on the side of the Mayor, but also continues

to leave open to question how much she may be personally benefiting from such actions.

Apparently, the Mayor, Thompson, Bitzas, and possibly several of their other pals on the Town Council, are using their public office for their other interests. Such action is **WRONG** from every standpoint. As has been called for before, these people should come clean and step down from public office to conduct their own business as private individuals.

As I have previously proposed, the structure of Agawam government should be changed to prevent abuses of public office from happening. A further proposal would be to limit the role of Town Council president to a mere moderator of council meetings, and to have that president determined by the voters, **NOT** other politicians.

It is clear that the government of Agawam cannot continue as it has for the past year. If the politicians can not, or will not, clean up their own act, perhaps it is time to have it done by other means.

Rob Keenan
Agawam

Council Should Enforce Speak Time At Hearings

To The Editor:

Having actively participated in the public hearing on June 3rd, I would like to make a personal comment on the whole procedure.

In my opinion the council rules on public hearings need to be changed. The 10-minute rule needs to be enforced. No speaker should be allowed to speak more than 10 minutes or give his time to someone else. This creates the opportunity for a filibuster as we all saw on June 3rd, a filibuster that was not intended to get at the truth but one that was intended to stall the citizens' right to a vote that night.

I personally felt that my three hours of collecting signatures was made null and void by this tactic. If the vote had gone against my position, then so be it. I would have felt disappointed, but I also would have known that I did my best and my position had received a fair hearing. Such was not the case.

The opposition was allowed to overuse their time and to introduce testimony that had nothing

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to do with the "in lieu of tax" issue, e.g., the aesthetic value of the scenic view at Country Estates, etc., or how many employees work at the nursing home. That information is completely irrelevant to the issue at hand, as was other testimony offered by the opposition that evening.

I don't disagree with an individual's right to speak, but I do disagree with the misuse of that right and the rules that govern council procedure.

It takes time and reflection to create a message that sticks to the point at hand and stays within the guidelines. C.A.T. has always tried to live within council rules.

The opposition has, however, routinely gone over the five- and 10-minute rule and spoken on topics not germane to the issue under discussion.

Councilor Thompson has reminded the opposition on numerous occasions and again on Monday night, but has received little or no support from the "self-appointed" majority on the council. On many occasions, she has actually been overruled when she attempted to enforce the council's own rules while, at the same time, defending herself against an inappropriate removal motion.

Well, the opposition and certain members of the council succeeded on Monday, June 3rd, of stalling the vote and depriving the town of a potential \$14 million. I must congratulate them on placing their needs over the needs of the town as a whole.

I felt enough confidence in my position to avoid name-calling, breaking council rules, and using irrelevant information. I called for a final vote, up or down. I wasn't afraid of the vote, as it is the way of the democratic process.

Why did the opposition filibuster to avoid a vote? Why did they use hints about deals, etc., with public officials and other scare tactics?

Please remember that our deadline is every Tuesday at noon. We appreciate those who bring in their copy on Mon.

Where was the confidence in their position necessary to put the matter to a vote once and for all? Only they can answer these questions.

C.A.T. is proud of its attempt to help our town in an honest and above-board manner. I hope frustration with the process doesn't prevent us from working together on Berkshire Power and other issues important to the town.

All I ask is that the present council puts some teeth into its own rules and makes the public hearing process a benefit to all the citizens and a true democratic way of getting to the truth for the good of our town and its future.

**Frank Meagher
Feeding Hills**

Agawam Should Get All It Can From Power Plant

To The Editor:

To the councilors - If it is the money you want from the power plant, then get what is Agawam's fair share in **taxes**, which is over \$3 million per year in **taxes**. (Per Patriot Properties, Inc. retained by Mayor Johnson.)

Berkshire Power wants to and has stated that they want a limited partnership business structure.

— Ken Roberts, Berkshire Power's Development Manager, has stated that before the City Council.

— Michael Walsh, lawyer for Berkshire Power, stated that at the City Council meeting of June 3rd.

— Mayor Johnson stated that as one of the three reasons given for making the agreement when he presented it to the public on May 30th.

Question is, why should Agawam be short-changed when other communities receive more in **taxes**? The following is a list of towns with power plants and their revenue received in **taxes**:

N. Dartmouth, MA, 67 MW (smaller than BP's), \$513,533; Lakewood, New Jersey, 205 MW (smaller than BP's), \$2,036,490; Bellingham, MA, 300 MW (larger than BP's), \$3,158,175; Milford, MA, 150 MW (smaller than BP's), \$1,827,590; Uncasville, CT, 181 MW (smaller than BP's), \$2,252,570; Pittsfield, MA, 165 MW (smaller than BP's), \$2,042,294; Taunton, MA (proposed), 150 MW (smaller than BP's), \$3,100,000; Agawam, MA (proposed), 252 MW, \$1,000,000 (pilot).

Councilors, you should have a problem with what is being offered.

Don't make the \$80 million mistake and agree to Berkshire Power's fleecing of Agawam.

Get all you can for Agawam.

**Karl Stieg
Agawam**

The Selected Presentation Of Facts Can Misinform

To The Editor:

Regarding the city's new Budget Review policy, the King's comments concerning his own tenure within the House of Lords merits scrutiny.

The Mayor seems to be suggesting that, as a Town Councilor, he voted on budgetary matters even though he was not "fully informed."

I fail to see how the City Council's internal structure could keep anyone ill-informed, but am well aware how the selective presentation of packaged facts can misinform.

Whosoever seeks to learn of budgetary matters might be well-advised to research the matter themselves instead of trusting in a politically-scripted oversimplification on television.

It's not as if this information is under lock and key.

**Owen Broadhurst
Agawam**

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Town Democrats Meet With Kennedy At State Convention



U.S. CONGRESSMAN JOSEPH KENNEDY meets with town Democrats Meanette Vermes (left) and Mary Manning at the Democratic State Convention in Worcester on June 1st.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



TOWN DEMOCRATS who attended the Democratic State Convention in Worcester on June 1st included, from left - Joseph Fitzpatrick, Edward Caba, James Willis, Abe Kasparian, Jr., Douglas Bodman, and Ronald Hebert. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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U.S. CONGRESSMAN Joseph Kennedy chats with Agawam Democrats, from left - Scott Letendre, Joanne Willis, James Willis, Cathy Willis, and Gina Letellier at the Annual State Democratic Convention on June 1st. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Melconian Announces Passage Of Bill On Sex Offenders

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced Senate passage of legislation which will require sex offenders to register at their local police departments and will establish a centralized computer registry of sex offender registry information which will be made available to the public.

Under the sex offender registry and notification bill, sex offenders will be required to register within two days of their release from custody and will be required to verify the information in person on an annual basis.

The public will be able to access this information either through a telephone information line operated by the Criminal History Systems Board or at their local police department.

"The Massachusetts Senate has passed meaningful legislation that will protect our children and our neighborhoods from dangerous sex offenders," Melconian said. "The bill sends a message that this type of behavior will be taken very seriously."

If the legislation is enacted, Massachusetts will join the other 49 states that have already passed sex offender registration laws. Thirty-two also grant the public access to registry information.

Passage of the sex offender legislation would bring the state into compliance with federal law and ensure that Massachusetts will be eligible for approximately \$1 million in federal anti-crime grants.

The sex offender registration and notification bill now moves into conference with a House of Representatives version passed in April.

Council Agenda For Monday, June 17th

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 6/3/96
5. Declaration from Council President.
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances

(a) Resolutions

1. TR-96-17-Resolution Adopting a Continuing Appropriation Budget for July, 1996 Until Approval of Fiscal Year 1997 Annual Operating Budget for the Town of Agawam (Mayor).

7. Report of Council Committees

8. Elections

None.

9. Public Hearings

None.

10. Old Business

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1. TOR-96-5-An Ordinance to Amend the Wage Scale for Certain Unclassified Employees (Mayor)(2nd Reading).
2. TO-96-20-Appropriate \$1,688,148 of "Certified Free Cash" for Utilization in the Fiscal Year 1997 Budget (Mayor).

Kennedy Discusses Issues With Kasparian



ABE KASPARIAN OF AGAWAM (right), a candidate for the Hampden County Commission, speaks with U.S. Congressman Joseph Kennedy at the Democratic State Convention on June 1st. At left are Agawam Democrats Scott Letendre and Joanne Willis. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Melconian Takes On New Intern For Summer Months At Boston Office

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is happy to announce that Miles Bartley will serve as a summer intern in her Boston office.

Miles, a 1990 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point with a degree in Political Science, has just completed his first year at Boston College Law School. He is the son of David and Elizabeth Bartley of Holyoke.

"Miles' military training and extensive educational background will make him a valuable part of our staff," Melconian said. "He will be able to research issues that are important to the Hampden District."

Miles will research numerous issues for the

Senator this summer, including the impact in Hampden County of the Welfare Reform Act since its implementation. He will use his military background to explore veterans' issues and suggest legislation that could benefit state and Hampden County veterans.

Miles will also be an asset in preparing the Senator for upcoming legislation such as the juvenile justice reform measure currently pending in the Senate Ways & Means Committee, responding to constituent correspondence, and attending Senate sessions.

"I am looking forward to an interesting and informative summer that will enhance my ongoing legal education," Miles commented.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1996, at 6:45 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of WAYNE INDUSTRIES which is seeking a SPECIAL USE PERMIT in accordance with Section 180-11 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a Loading Dock, at the premises identified as 61 INDUSTRIAL LANE.

Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF AGAWAM

In accordance with Article 8, Section 8-1(b) of the Agawam Town Charter, the Agawam Town Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, July 1, 1996 at 7:30 P.M. at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA for the purpose of determining if the mis-use of public funds has been allowed by the council and by the administration.

Ursula Retzler
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from the State Senate

by State Senator Linda J. Melconian



Crime, Gang Prevention Funding Highlight FY '97 Budget

On May 21st, the Senate passed a balanced \$17.4 billion state budget for FY '97. Over the next several weeks, I will attempt to explain to you through press releases and columns some of the major initiatives and programs that will affect us in the Hampden District.

One of the biggest concerns I encounter in conversations with you, my constituents, is the fear of crime in our communities. As your Senator, the reduction of crime remains one of my top priorities. The FY '97 Senate budget is strong on crime, providing funds for crime prevention as well as law enforcement and prosecution. Efforts to fight criminal activity must be ongoing, and I will not waver in my support for crime-fighting programs.

The Senate budget appropriated \$4,827,911 for the salaries and expenses of the Hampden County District Attorney's Office, including the victim and witness assistance program, the child abuse and sexual assault prosecution program, and the domestic violence unit. The DA's office is an important part in the fight against violence and crime, and it must receive a budget that meets the needs of the office.

The Senate budget recognized the critical needs of the DA's, and funded them at a "maintenance level" (which means funding was adjusted from last year to maintain the same level of effectiveness). Although the House budget contains \$63,000 in additional funds for the DA's, its overall FY '97 budget is \$200 million out of balance; in the Senate, we have once again produced a balanced budget with no additional taxes.

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SPECIAL USE PERMIT in accordance with Section 180-11 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the sale of a single family residential structure at the premises identified as 196 COREY STREET.

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Included in the District Attorney's budget is \$400,000 for the "Hampden County anti-gang project," a program intended to prevent gang activity in our cities and towns and to prosecute its existence. Gangs, especially among youth, are a growing problem in our communities, and we must try to stop this trend.

Once again, Springfield and Chicopee have been continued as target cities under the Community Policing grant program. Chicopee will receive at least as much as the \$187,000 it received in FY '96, while Springfield will obtain at least \$620,000.

Community Policing is such an important program because it forges a partnership between the police and law-abiding citizens, and it shows that we are all in this fight together. The programs are most effective when homeowners and residents in our city neighborhoods work with law enforcement officials to keep streets safe and reduce criminal activity. The grants will be used for innovative programs to fight gangs, drugs, and violent crime.

For several years, I have championed the Western Massachusetts Crime Laboratory located at the Agawam Criminal Justice Training Council. Through my efforts, the Senate has again appropriated \$200,000 for the lab, which provides a Western Mass. site for handling and analysis of evidence in criminal proceedings.

The lab is a valuable resource in reducing the backlog of cases in the criminal courts. It used to be the case that evidence had to be shipped to the Boston crime lab for observation and analysis, but now the process in this part of the state is more reliable and expedient because of the proximity of the laboratory.

I am proud of the budget passed by the Senate for FY '97. We have produced a balanced budget that is strong on crime prevention and enforcement.

Our District Attorney will have the money to conduct his duties effectively; our streets will be safer because of the Hampden County anti-gang program and the grants from the Community Policing programs that will help law enforcement fight gangs, domestic violence, and educate our youth to choose a life away from crime and violence; and the Western Mass. Crime Lab will allow for the proper analysis of evidence so that our court system can resolve effectively and efficiently in a timely fashion.

The Senate has shown a commitment to crime prevention, and we will not waver in our responsibility or our actions.

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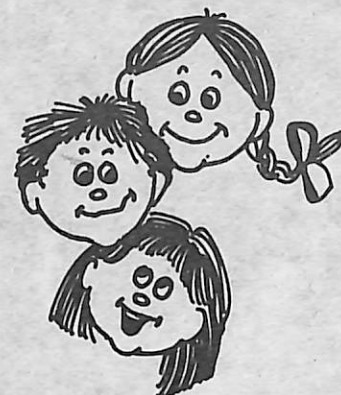
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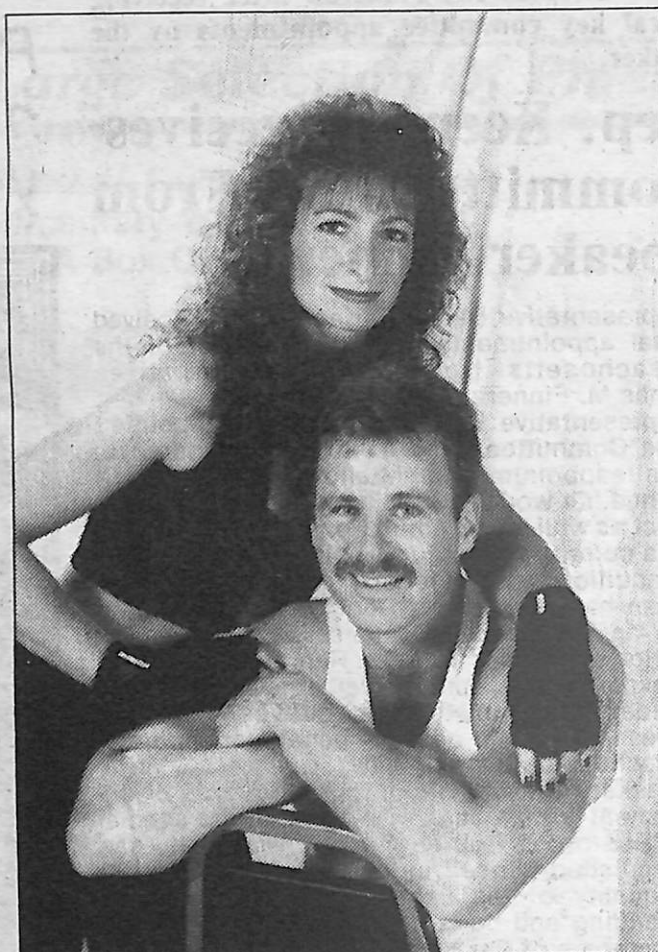
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Melconian Brings In Two Summer Interns To Help Service District Office In Agawam

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is pleased to announce Shannon McCarty and Sarah Laduzenski have been chosen as summer interns in her District Office.

Shannon, a senior at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, will be involved in numerous activities, including tracking the status of legislation, participating in seminars by other legislators and attending Senate sessions. She will be heavily involved with compiling research on issues such as insurance, welfare and health care that are important to the Senator and the Hampden District.

Shannon's District Office responsibilities currently involve dealing with constituents who stop in or call with concerns or requests, aiding the Senator and her staff with event scheduling, and answering constituent correspondence.

"The internship that Senator Melconian has offered me enhances my Mount Holyoke education with the direct experience of political affairs. This internship is especially pertinent to my future either in law or politics," Shannon commented.

Shannon is expected to graduate with a double major in Asian Studies and Politics from Mount Holyoke College in January 1997, and subsequently, hopes to attend law school. She is the daughter of Margaret and George Fisher of Newtown, Pennsylvania and John McCarty of North Carolina.

Senator Melconian, a graduate of Mount Holyoke College, is an active participant in the College's academic internship program by hosting Mount Holyoke students interested in becoming involved in the internal affairs of Massachusetts politics.

"I am delighted whenever I have the opportunity

to aid a Mount Holyoke student and afford her the same kind of introduction to the political and legislative process that I received as a student at Mount Holyoke College when I interned in Washington, D.C. for our Congressman E.P. Boland," Melconian said.

Sarah Laduzenski, a sophomore at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, is entering her second year as an intern for Senator Melconian. Last summer, Sarah worked primarily with legislation and research in the Boston senatorial office.

Her pre-med studies served her well in researching health care issues for the Senator. This year, she will handle a variety of administrative tasks, including constituent requests, data entry and letter writing. She will also research bills that are important to the Hampden District.

"Last year, in the Boston office, I researched many Senate bills, one of which Linda co-sponsored, Legislation to Expand Child and Postpartum Care Benefits," Sarah said. "In the District Office, I am now dealing with the impacts of this law on the medical community and new mothers, as well as the effects of other laws on Linda's constituents."

Sarah is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Laduzenski of 309 Greystone Avenue, West Springfield. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. and the late Albert Anzalotti of Springfield and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Laduzenski of Chicopee.

"We are extremely happy and lucky to have Sarah as an intern again this summer," Melconian said. "Although her tasks will be slightly different from last year, the experience she received last year will make her a welcome addition to our District Office."

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AGAWAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL SERVICES

The Agawam Public Schools, Department of Special Services, hereby notify individuals, who were formerly enrolled in special services in Agawam prior to July 1, 1991 that their special services records will be destroyed fourteen (14) days from the date of this publication. Anyone who wants their records must notify Agawam Special Services, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts 01030 in writing by July 5, 1996. After July 5, 1996, the records will be destroyed.

John F. Brosnan, Director

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Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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AGAWAM STATE REP. DANIEL F. KEENAN is pictured with Speaker of the House Thomas M. Finneran after receiving several key committee appointments by the Speaker.

Rep. Keenan Receives Committee Jobs From Speaker Finneran

Representative Daniel F. Keenan has received several appointments from the Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives Thomas M. Finneran.

Representative Keenan has been reappointed to the Committees on Taxation and Insurance. These reappointments will allow Rep. Keenan to continue his work on legislation important to his district as well as the entire Commonwealth, such as the current mutual fund legislation.

In addition to these regular appointments, Rep. Keenan has been singled out by the speaker to serve on the Special Commission to Study the Taxation of Military Retirees. Rep. Keenan's taxation experience will prove invaluable as the House considers inconsistencies between military retirees and other pension beneficiaries under Massachusetts Taxation Law.

Speaker Finneran offered strong words of endorsement for his choice to serve on the special commission. "Representative Keenan has distinguished himself in his first term of office. The quality of his committee work has been outstanding and he is held in high regard by all the members of the House."

The Speaker continued, "He brings knowledge, discipline, and integrity to our discussions and debates, and every citizen of Massachusetts is well-served by his energetic presence at the State House."

Rep. Keenan expressed his satisfaction at being reappointed to the Taxation and Insurance Committees and the Special Commission.

"I am mindful of the special trust placed in me by Speaker Finneran. I will do my best to be worthy of that trust and to fulfill my responsibilities to the House and to my constituents," stated Rep. Keenan.

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Agawam Obituaries

Imelda M. Durac

Imelda M. Durac, 87, of 31 Meadowbrook Manor, died at a local nursing home.

She was a teller at Springfield Institution for Savings for 50 years, and retired in 1982.

Born in Springfield, she spent all of her life in this area. She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

She leaves her friends, David and Helen Cosgriff of Longmeadow.

The funeral was held at Sampson Chapel of the Acres Funeral Home and the church, with burial at St. Michael's Cemetery.

Douglas A. Wood

Douglas A. Wood, 40, of 131 Federal St. Extension, Agawam, the owner and operator of Woodcomm Enterprises, died at home.

He had worked for Continental Cablevision Corp. for 17 years.

Born in Springfield, he lived in West Springfield most of his life before moving to Agawam four years ago.

He was a 1973 graduate of West Springfield High School.

He belonged to the West Springfield-Agawam Elks Club, and was active in the Westfield Men's Softball League.

He leaves his parents, Ralph K. and Jean (Healey) Wood of West Springfield; two brothers, Ralph K., Jr. and Donald C. of West Springfield; and three sisters, Barbara J. Phetteplace of Westfield, Nancy E. Miller of Phoenix, Arizona, and Marcia E. Scully of West Springfield.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, with burial in Paucatuck Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the state Audubon Society, South Great Road, Lincoln, MA 01773, or the state Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 53 Bliss Street, Springfield, MA 01105.



Clayton Francis Harrington, Sr.

Clayton Francis Harrington, Sr., 76, of Shamrock Boulevard in Venice, Florida, and formerly of Agawam, died at home on Wednesday, June 5th, after a short illness.

Born in Chicopee, he grew up in Warren and moved to West Springfield in 1943 and then to Agawam.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Agawam, and the Doric Lodge of Masons of Enfield, CT.

He was employed by the former U.S. Armory of Springfield for 16 years, and graduated from its Toolmaking and Methods Program. Later, he graduated from Western New England College with a BBA Degree, working as an Industrial Engineer.

In 1980, he retired as a supervisor from the Hammermill Paper Co. of Westfield after 25 years of service. He then moved to Venice, Florida.

He leaves his wife, the former Cecelia Selvatico, at home; two sons, Richard J. Harrington of Granby, CT, and Clayton F. Harrington, Jr. of Spokane, WA; a daughter, Regina Mary Harrington of Monroe, WA; three sisters, Ella McNeal of Santa Maria, CA, June Lenkarski of Ware, and Norma Russis of Thorndike; eight grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on Thursday morning, June 13, 1996, at the First Baptist Church, 760 Main Street, Agawam.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Southwest Florida, 6055 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, Florida 34238, or to the Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Board of Deacons, First Baptist Church, 760 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

The West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Edwina C. Desaulniers

Edwina C. (Phaneuf) Desaulniers, 81, of 27 Riviera Drive, Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She was a registered nurse in Springfield area hospitals for many years, and also did private-duty nursing.

Born in Concord, New Hampshire, she was a 1939 graduate of the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Springfield.

She lived in Agawam most of her life, and was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church. She was a former communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

She leaves her husband of 55 years, Albert E. Desaulniers of Country Estates, Agawam; two sons, Paul A. of Yorktown, Virginia, and Peter A. of San Francisco, California; two daughters, Susan Patnode of Southwick and Joanne Caulfield of Chelmsford; a sister, Annette Dixon of Agawam; six grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

The funeral was held at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home and St. John the Evangelist Church, with burial at St. Aloysius Cemetery in Indian Orchard, Springfield, at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 383 Dwight Street, Holyoke, MA 01040.



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Kasparian Announces Bid For Seat On County Commission

Abe Kasparian will formally announce his candidacy for Hampden County Commissioner on Wednesday, June 19th, at 7:00 p.m. at the "Meet the Candidate Night" at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street in Agawam. The Democratic Primary vote will be held on September 17, 1996.

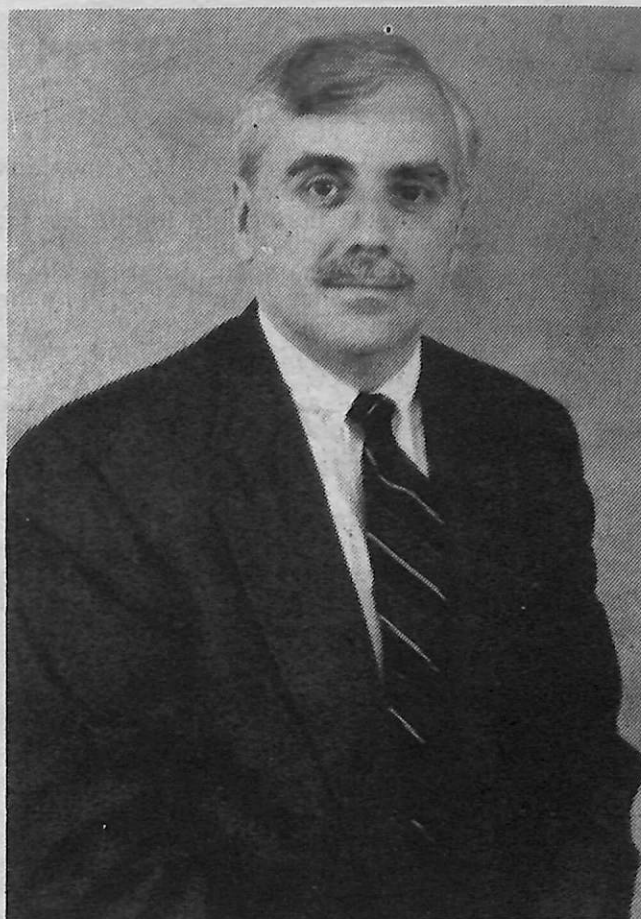
Kasparian, 42, of 161 School Street, Agawam, pledges to move Hampden County into the 21st century by working toward a streamlining of county government and mounting an aggressive promotional campaign to bring new business and industry to the region by focusing on the high quality living and working environments in Hampden County.

To provide information on Hampden County, each of the cities and towns in the County, and additional information on Abe Kasparian as Candidate for County Commissioner, Kasparian and his Committee has introduced the new "Abe Kasparian's Unofficial Hampden County Homepage" on the World Wide Web. You can visit the web site "Welcome to Hampden County" at <http://wormhole.map.com/~ak4hcc/>.

Kasparian's platform will center on promoting Hampden County as the ideal place to live, work, and raise a family, helping taxpayers maintain their control of county government by preventing the erosion of local political strength, and full utilization of county resources. Kasparian and his committee urge all Democrats and Independents to vote in the September 17th Democratic Primary to "help save county and local control."

A member of the Agawam Democratic Committee, Kasparian is a lifelong resident of Hampden County and has lived the last 17 years in Agawam. He was educated in the Springfield School System, earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Westfield State College, and a Master's in Education from Cambridge College.

Kasparian is a local business owner and a



ABE KASPARIAN

Realtor with Foresi & Bolduc Realtors. Active in Agawam and Hampden County political affairs, Kasparian served as chairperson of the Agawam Financial Development Authority for 10 years and the New WESTMASS Area Development Corporation for three years. He is also a Notary Public and Honorary Hampden County Deputy Sheriff.

Those interested in more information on the "Meet the Candidate Night," fundraising activities, or wishing to volunteer their time or services, call Abe Kasparian at 789-4901.

Donna Berthiaume Of Agawam Certified By Research Center

Prudential Securities has announced that Agawam resident Donna Berthiaume has been certified to conduct educational forums for women on investing by the National Center for Women and Retirement Research. Ms. Berthiaume is now also certified to provide the firm's "Investment Planning for Women" program.

"Investment Planning for Women" is part of a series of workshops held nationwide which focus on providing women with a broad range of investment information. The workshop covers a wide variety of topics, including the basics of investing, how to get started, asset allocation, and portfolio diversification. The program also discusses how important events, such as a child's education or future retirement needs, play a role in a woman's financial objectives.

Ms. Berthiaume, a Financial Advisor with Prudential Securities' Springfield office, is one of only 200 Prudential Securities Financial Advisors selected out of approximately 6,000 nationwide to participate in the workshop series. A certified Investment Advisor, Ms. Berthiaume also holds an MBA degree from Western England College.

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Ms. Berthiaume is planning a number of free "Investment Planning for Women" workshops in the near future. For information on upcoming workshops or reservations, please call 781-0513, or 800-332-2758.

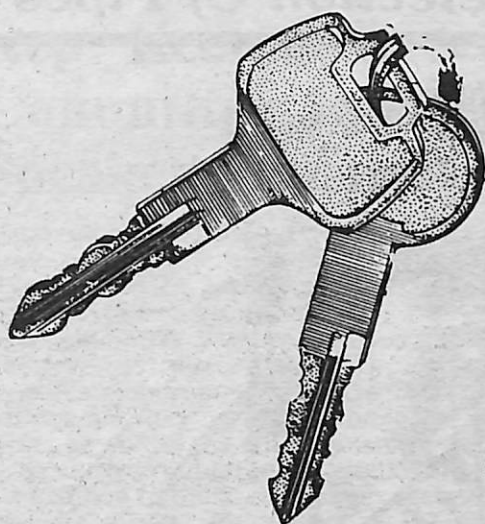
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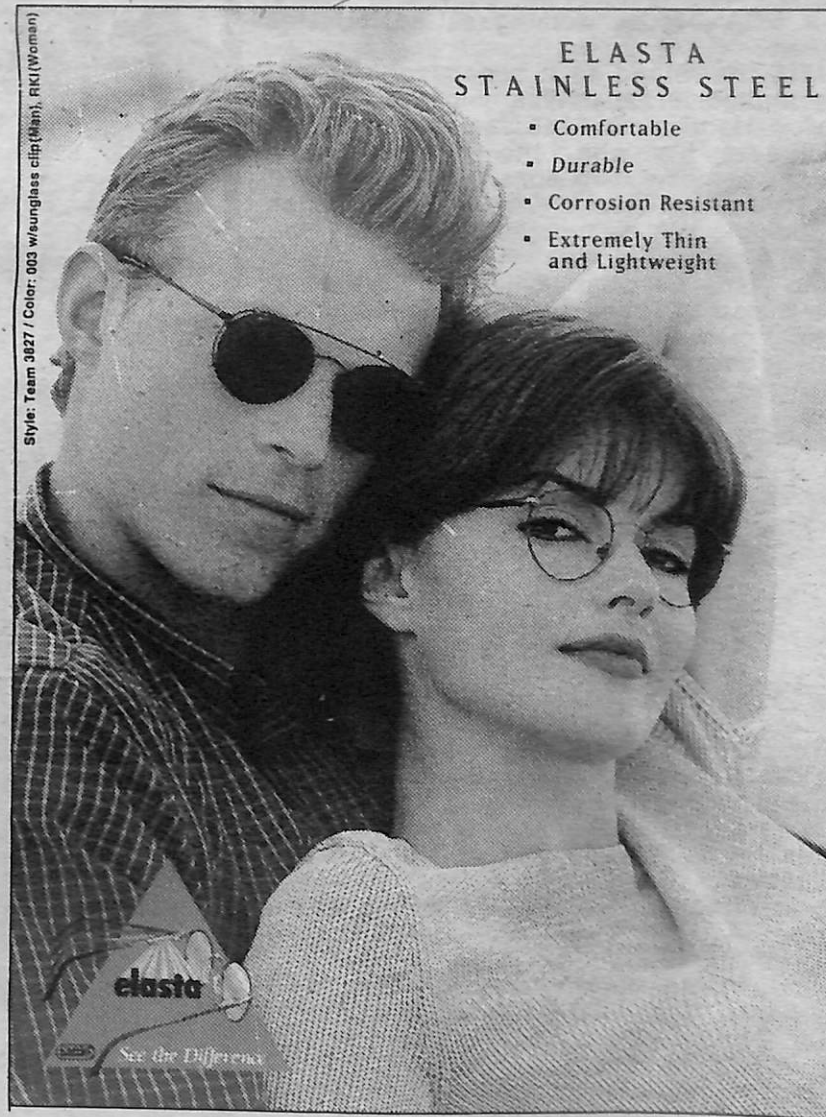
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Community Spirit At Sullivan Memorial Runs Very High

Rain failed to dampen the spirits or determination of those who set out to complete the annual spring rejuvenation of the Anne Sullivan Memorial park area in Feeding Hills.

A high level of community spirit was again demonstrated on the evening of June 3, 1996. Gathered at that time were representatives from various civic groups who combined their efforts to remove from this historic area the last vestiges of this past winter and beautify it with fresh mulch and the planting of new plants and flowers.

Under the guidance of Rick Bellico and Jim Loomis, contributions from a number of sources were coordinated to make this year's beautification effort a complete success. Participating in this cooperative effort were members of the Agawam Rotary Club, who also contributed \$100 for the materials required.

The Anne Sullivan Committee provided a truck and tools along with the labor of some of its members. Barbara Cecchi of Plant Land on Suffolk Street donated the flowers that were used in this year's planting effort.

The independent action of this group brought them the commendation of the Agawam Beautification Committee. Speaking for the Committee, John Zebryk said it is exactly this kind of voluntary cooperative action that makes Agawam a better place to live and the source of civic pride.

Girl Scout Troop 553 Slates Bottle Drive For Monday, June 17

Girl Scout Troop No. 553 will be holding a can/bottle drive at One-Stop Redemption, 1226 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, on Monday, June 17th, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Please bring in your cans and bottles to help support the Troop's trip to Washington, D.C.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM COUNCIL ON AGING (back row, from left) - William Ekstedt, Peter Forastiere, Janice Bonk, Vi Presz, and John Stacy. Front row - John Mullin, Richard Aldrich, Donald Morris, and Valina Carpenter. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Council On Aging Provides Many Services To Senior Citizens

The Agawam Council on Aging is a city department responsible directly to the Mayor. Council members serve in an advisory capacity to the Senior Center Director, and help to establish policy regarding the use of, and programming for, the Agawam Senior Center.

The first priority of A.C.O.A. members always is to be of assistance to, and protect the rights of, all Agawam senior residents, and through services offered to maintain the dignity and well-being of

the individual.

Accompanying this article is a photograph of your Agawam Council on Aging Board members. In future issues of *The Agawam Advertiser News*, look for photos and background information on each A.C.O.A. member presently serving you, as well as news articles regarding Council on Aging committees, their goals, and aims to assist Agawam's elderly population in every way possible.



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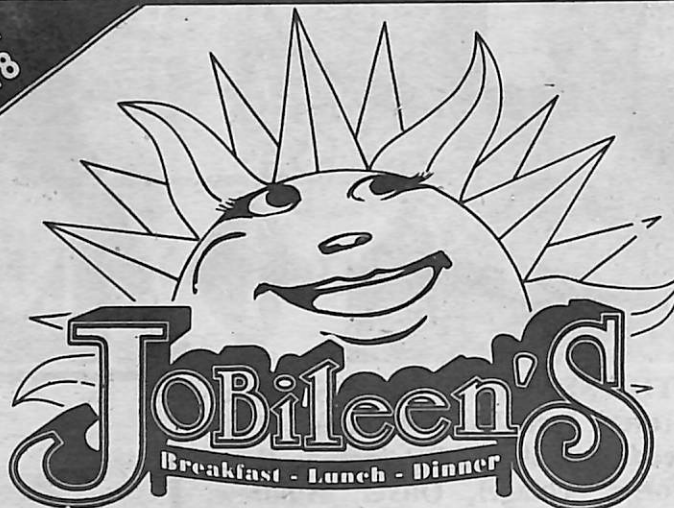
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NEW OFFICERS for the Agawam/Feeding Hills AARP at their recent installation banquet. From left - Oliver Muldrew, treasurer; Paulene Paquette, president; Christine Mikszewski, board of directors; Patricia Matte, secretary; Jessie Fuller, vice-president; and Paul Osypuk, board of directors. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SOME OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS who attended the recent Installation Banquet of the Agawam/Feeding Hills AARP include (back row) - George Schlagel, Oliver Muldrew, Louise Mattoon, Ruth Pieper, Christine Mikszewski, Rose Paro, and Paul Osypuk. **SEATED** -Paulene Paquette, Patricia Matte, and Jessie Fuller. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Library Plans "Movie Night" On Tuesday, June 18th

Agawam and Feeding Hills families are invited to the animated movie "BALTO," a fable based on a true story that fills 74 minutes with wholesome, G-rated adventure.

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Agawam/Feeding Hills AARP Installs New Officers For 1996-1997

The Agawam/Feeding Hills Chapter of AARP held its installation luncheon on May 20th at Storowton Tavern in West Springfield. Dorothy Muldrew was the installation officer.

The new officers for 1996-1997 are: **Paulene Paquette**, President; **Jessie Fuller**, Vice President; **Patricia Matte**, Secretary; **Oliver Muldrew**, Treasurer; and **Paul Osypuk** and **Christine Mikszewski**, Directors for a three-year term.

This month's meeting will be held on June 24th at 1:00 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center. The guest speaker will be Jerry Mallet from the Office of the Secretary of the State of Massachusetts; his topic will be "Fraud and Investment Scam of the Elderly."

Anyone 50 years and over and a member of the National AARP is invited to attend any of our meetings.

There will be no further meetings until September. We wish everyone a happy summer and look forward to seeing our members and new guests in the fall.

Agawam High's Class Of 1981 Seeks Members For 15th Reunion

Agawam High School's class of 1981 is planning its 15th reunion for November 30, 1996.

If you know the address of anyone on the list below or have moved recently, please contact Nancy O'Keefe, 786-7738, or Terry (Amelin) DeMichele, 569-5974.

Lori Acosta, Michael Armand, Deborah Beddow, Donna Belcher, Christopher Calkins, Dori Cohan, Cathy Cormier, Scott Cousineau, Denise Cross, Marva Cuffee, Beth Dahlke, Denise Derosie, Suzanne Doyle, John Fitzpatrick, Glenn Geddis, Laura Gendron-Jones, David Gosselin, Richard Gray, Nathan Harriman, Scott Hermans.

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Mary Beth is a graduate of Agawam High School and the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth in North Dartmouth, Massachusetts. She is employed as a sales planning specialist at LEGO Systems, Inc., in Enfield, Connecticut.

Robert is a graduate of Archbishop Williams High School in Braintree, Massachusetts, and Boston University, and is currently pursuing his master's degree in city planning at Boston University. He is a compliance officer for the City of Boston's Public Facilities Department.

An October 5, 1996 wedding is planned.

Downtown Noon-Time Toastmasters Club Is Now Forming In Spfld.

A demonstration Toastmasters meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 19th, at 12:00 noon in the Bank of Boston building. It will be open to the public and will last for one hour. This meeting will provide anyone interested in Toastmasters an opportunity to see a meeting first-hand, and will provide detailed information about the group now seeking charter members.

Toastmasters is a non-profit, international organization which is dedicated to the development of effective communication and leadership skills. A Toastmasters Club is designed to create a safe and professional learning environment that will allow its members to develop verbal communication and presentation skills through a self-paced and low-cost format.

The Toastmasters International organization has been in existence for 72 years and manages over 8,000 clubs around the world. There are currently 12 community and company clubs here in Western Massachusetts.

Anyone interested in learning more about Toastmasters is encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held in the 3rd Floor Community Room in the Bank of Boston building at 1350 Main Street in Springfield.

For more information, call Bill Corbett at UniCARE Insurance Company at 858-5633, or Joanne Attardi at Bank of Boston at 731-4064.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, June 17th: Shepherd's pie, carrot coins, wheat bread, peach.

Tuesday, June 18th: Chicken leg, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, pumpernickel bread, brownies.

Wednesday, June 19th: Meatballs & lasagna, tossed salad, Peter's bread, canned pears.

Thursday, June 20th: Beef strip steak, peppers & onions, risotto, wheat bread, ice cream.

Friday, June 21st: Clam chowder, tunafish on roll, macaroni salad, mixed fruit.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Community Grange 382 To Hold Annual Strawberry Supper

The 17th annual strawberry supper sponsored by Community Grange 382 will be held on Tuesday evening, June 18th, at the Grange Home, 47 North West Street, Feeding Hills.

There will be continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The menu will consist of potato salad, ham, baked beans, pickles, rolls, strawberry shortcake, and beverages.

The price is \$7 for adults, and \$3.50 for children under 12 years of age.

Reservations are suggested; call Mim Caldwell at 786-2276.

Children's Self-Esteem Prog. Is Rescheduled To Saturday, June 29th

The program "CREATING HIGH SELF-ESTEEM AND EMPOWERMENT FOR CHILDREN AGES 9-13" has been rescheduled to Saturday, June 29th, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$10 per child and pre-registration is needed.

The program is led by Dr. Steve Sobel, Director of The New England Institute For Stress Management of West Springfield. Parents are encouraged to call Dr. Sobel at 785-1259 to request a full program outline and for all details.

The program will take place at Dr. Sobel's office/conference center, located at 425 Union Street, West Springfield. Seating is limited.

Pheasant Hill Club Holds Memorial Mtg. For Deceased Members

The Pheasant Hill Social Club recently conducted a memorial meeting for past deceased members.

Roland Roberts, president, called on Irene Dion and Frank Pardiso to conduct the ritual. Chaplain Irene Dion announced the names of the deceased members of the club and prayers were said in their memory.

After the meeting, refreshments were served by Jennie Juzba, chairlady, Irish Scott, Edna Charteer, and Jerry Balboni.

Fundraiser Scheduled For Bryan Beaudette

A fashion show fundraiser to help defray medical expenses for Bryan Beaudette will be held at the Yankee Pedlar Inn on Northampton Street in Holyoke on Friday, June 28th, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Bryan is the son of 1982 Agawam High graduate Michael Beaudette.

Sponsors of the fundraiser are the Holyoke Lions Club and the Holyoke Chamber of Commerce. TV-40 anchorwoman Eileen Curran, a Holyoke native, will serve as commentator for the fashion show and will be helped by Kevin Hamel from the Holyoke Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets are \$16 each and will include champagne and dessert. Tickets will be available at the Yankee Pedlar.

La Leche League To Meet June 17th

If your family is awaiting the arrival of a new member, the West Springfield/Agawam La Leche League meeting "The Family In Relation To The Breastfed Baby" may interest you.

Informal discussion will center on how to manage those first hectic weeks with emphasis on the entire family as well as timely tips for mother and baby.

The meeting will be held on Monday, June 17th, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in West Springfield.

For further information, call Jeanne at 739-7923 or Chris at 736-3238.

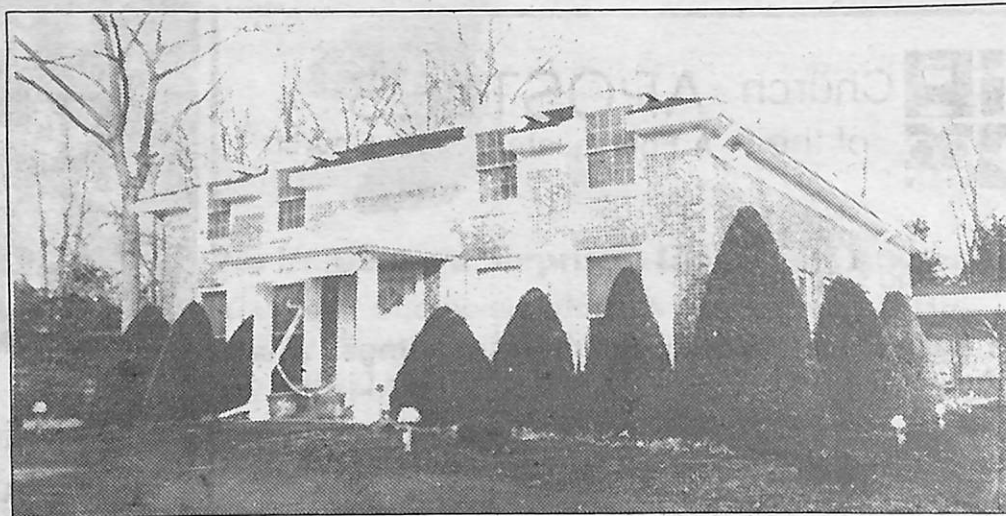
Citizens For Life Of Pioneer Valley Elect Officers

The 1996-1997 officers of Pioneer Valley Region, Massachusetts Citizens For Life were elected at the annual meeting on Tuesday, June 4th, at Holy Cross Hall in Holyoke.

Those selected by the membership were John Day of Ludlow, regional director; Dr. Joseph Croteau of Holyoke, vice regional director; Mary McDonnell of Amherst, secretary; and Donald Farley of Springfield, treasurer.

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Church News

Activities & Events At Sacred Heart Church

WE'RE HAVING A PARTY!

At 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 15th, an OUT-DOOR MASS of JOY and THANKSGIVING will begin the family celebration of Sacred Heart Church's 50TH ANNIVERSARY.

The only seating will be what you bring; we will provide everything else. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, beans, salad, beverages, and dessert. Our "Master Chefs" will do the cooking.

The Boy Scouts have volunteered to do litter patrol and cleaning. Please make it easy for them.

D.J. Mark's Rolling Review will provide the music from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

For the children, the Sacred Heart Athletic Association is planning carnival games, and there will be balloons and a magician.

The Anniversary Committee, the staff, and all who have given so much of themselves over the years are very proud of 50 years of growth, service, and friendship. We would like to have ALL our Parish Family celebrate and give thanks with us.

(P.S.: Did you see the wonderful coverage "Real to Reel" gave our 50th Anniversary Mass that took place on May 19th? It was shown on Channel 22 on Sunday, May 26th.)

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following outgoing members of the Parish Council for their time spent, both on the Council and on a Commission:

William Briggs, Adrienne LaBarre, Carol Meagher, John O'Krongly, Beth O'Neil, and Julia Zajchowski.

Also, we would like to welcome our new members for the 1996-1997 year:

Julie Adamski, James Hayes, Judith Hayes, Joan McCarthy, Catherine Willis, and Mary Zu'bi.

BAPTISM — Please welcome into our Parish Family the following: **Christopher Michael Breault, Kelly Marie Theriault, Patrick James Curry, and Talia Cheyenne Johnson**, who were recently baptized into the Catholic faith. Congratulations to their parents and families.

BAPTISM CLASS — The next Baptism Class will be held in the church on Saturday, July 13th, at 6:00 p.m. This class is for parents who are about to have a child and those who will have their child baptized during the months of July, August, and September; the class is also for those who are planning to be Godparents for these children.

Please contact Deacon Jim Martone at the rectory, 786-8200, or at his home, 786-0152, to register for the baptism and the class.

After July 13th, the next class will be held on October 5th.



Reflections...

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A Promising Convention...

This past weekend, 38,000 men gathered in Syracuse, New York to participate in a Promise Keepers convention. Hundreds of the participants were from the greater Agawam-Suffield area. Another Promise Keepers convention was held at the same time in Boise, Idaho. On Saturday afternoon, both conventions were made one via satellite hookup, and almost 50,000 men visited, prayed, and sang hymns together over a 2,000-mile span.

The basic premise of Promise Keepers is that men become their best; the best husbands they can be, the best fathers and family members they can be, by being the best sons of their Heavenly Father that they can be. For some 2,000 men in Syracuse, that meant meeting their Heavenly Father for the first time, by accepting Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. They were blessed to realize that Jesus Christ was embracing them.

It has been said that God has no grandchildren. Our proper relationship with God is to be related to Him as his children. If our relationship with our Heavenly Father is proper, our relationships with people will be greatly influenced by that.

Such a premise is Biblically sound. We read in the first book of the Bible that God declared, "It is

not good for man to be alone." So God also created woman, with the intention that men and women should live together in harmony. For a while, it was so. Genesis reports that "The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame." As long as Adam and Eve were properly related to their Heavenly Father, their own relationship with each other was wonderfully fulfilling.

However, after some unknown period of time, that all changed. Although God had provided amply for their needs, and made almost everything available to them, Adam and Eve foolishly listened to the temptation of the devil. He told them they should eat the forbidden fruit, the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." Adam and Eve disrupted God's proper role in their lives by attempting to usurp His authority in their lives.

Just as it is impossible for God to tell a lie, so it seems it is impossible for the devil to tell the truth. Adam and Eve did not become like God that day. Sadly, they were no longer themselves, either. When God asked Adam what he had done, Adam's response was to blame others for the mistake he had made. There was only God and Eve, and Adam blamed them both. It has been that way ever since. Once mankind's proper relationship with our Heavenly Father was shattered, it became normal for people to be at odds with each other as well.

All over the world, people are crying out for peace. Peace between nations, between neighbors, and among family members. Peace between people can become a reality, if and as each of us is reconciled to our Heavenly Father, through the grace of the greatest Promise Keeper there ever was, Jesus Christ.

Cub Scouts Earn "God And Me" Awards At St. David's Church

Four young people of St. David's have received their "God and Me" Cub Scout award for work done in and through St. David's Church.

Philip Gildersleeve, Ryan Hughes, Andrew King, and Alex White took part in a study of their own history, the history of Jesus, and how these two lives intersect in faith.

They received a medal and a certificate of their achievement in services held on Sunday, June 9th.

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"Teen Dance" At Ag. Congregational

A Junior and Senior High inter-church teen dance will take place on Friday, June 21st, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church.

Dance the night away with D.J. Chuck Malloy and "The Doug Nooney Band" live.

The cost is \$3 at the door, or \$2.50 with a canned good for the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry. A no re-entry policy will be in effect.

Refreshments will be available at an extra cost. Mark your calendars today!



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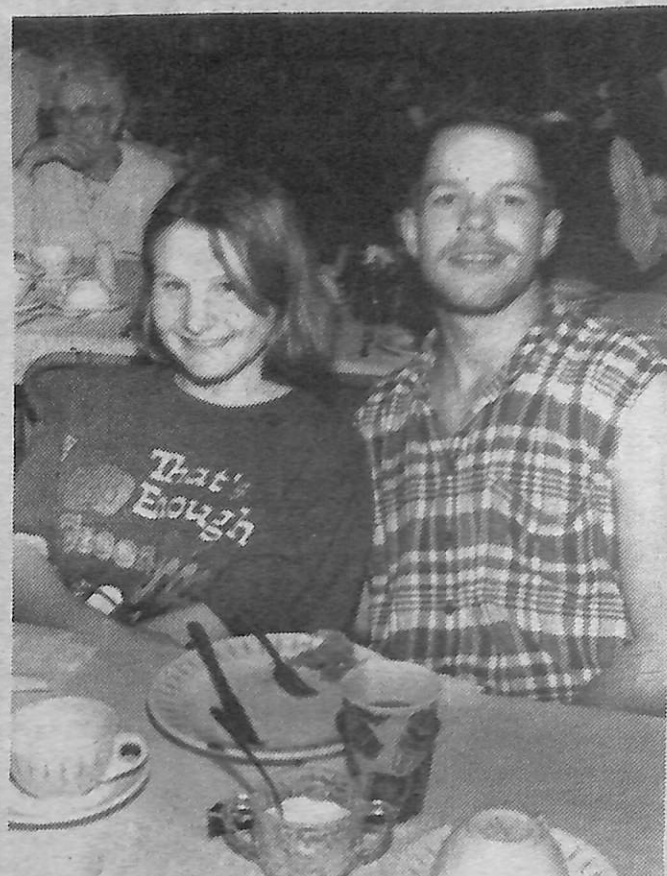
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Roast Beef Dinner At Ag. United Methodist Church



THE CHURCH HALL was crowded at the recent Roast Beef Supper at the Agawam United Methodist Church. From left - Kitchen helpers included Chieko Rivers, Percy Mickey, and Doris Ainey; Paula Bernier was on the serving line; and Jessica Tudryn and Jeff McCormick are all smiles after enjoying their dinner. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Mid-Week Worship Planned At First Baptist Church

Special mid-week worship services will be held this summer at First Baptist for those who may be away weekends and feel the need for this type of worship offering.

Services will be held on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the air-conditioned sanctuary throughout the summer months (not including July 4th). You are invited to attend.

On Friday, June 14th, at 6:30 p.m., the Youth Leadership Team will meet at the home of Tim Deik, Christian Education Director.

The Youth Group Scavenger Hunt will be this Saturday, June 15th, at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday morning worship services will be held as usual at 9:30 a.m. This Sunday, June 16th, we will celebrate "Campership Sunday" as well as Father's Day.

Guest organist will be Martha Fletcher, assisting the choir. Children's church will be held from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in Worthington Hall.

Coffee and conversation will follow worship in Davis Hall.

Also coming up this week:

Tuesday, June 18th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class.

Wednesday, June 19th: 7:15 a.m., Mid-Week Prayer Time; 11:00 a.m., Trading Post Annual Meeting.

Thursday, June 20th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

Caring Connection contacts for the month of June are Sharon and Doug Grabowski, (860) 668-0450.

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"Children's Day Service" At Valley Community Church

Valley Community Church is excited to announce that its "Children's Day Service" will be held this Sunday, June 16th.

The children of the church have been very busy practicing for their participation in the Worship Service, which begins at 9:30 a.m. The Junior Choir has also been busy perfecting their harmony for this special day.

So if you feel discouraged from the news you hear about today's young people, come and be uplifted as you see some young people praising and worshipping Jesus Christ. It is certain to encourage your hope and renew your faith.

Valley Community Church is a non-denominational church and welcomes anyone who is seeking a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The church is located "high on a hilltop" at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Men From St. David's Attend Christian Rally In Syracuse, New York

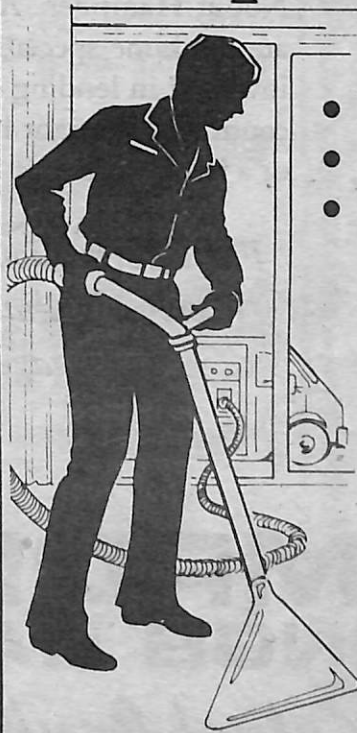
Forty men from St. David's Church, plus 10 friends, attended a recent "Promise-Keeper's" rally for Christian Men held in Syracuse, New York, on June 7th and 8th.

A total of 45,000 men were on hand for those two days of teaching, singing, and encouragement in the Christian life. They will report back on their experiences at the weekend "Father's Day" services on June 15th and 16th at St. David's.

Meanwhile, several men of St. David's were scheduled to join the Pastor in a visit to the men of Christ Episcopal Church in Sheffield on Thursday, June 13th, to share with them some of the principles learned in the St. David's men's ministry.

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Church News - continued...**Weekly Calendar From
Ag. Congregational**

On Sunday, June 16th, the new Summer Worship service hours begin at 9:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam. Summer hours will continue through to Sunday, September 1st.

This is also Senior Recognition Day. We will be honoring all our graduating seniors — Kirsten Decoteau, Sabrina Ferrari, Gina Marcil, Janell Erskine, Tom Rouke, Randall Benoit, Sean Nooney, and Nicole Campion — with a special service.

The Junior High students will be leading and participating in the Worship Service. The Junior High youth are: Holly Trombley, Lindsey Jerser-ski, Don Nooney, Jen Romano, Rachael Cunha, Chris Bilodeau, Hilary King, Kim Sullivan, Adam Ellsworth, Joe Divirgilio, Amanda Tilda, and Jenn Marr.

Rev. Fuller's sermon will be "A Special Love" (Text Exodus 50: 15-22), and the Children's Message will be "Who Is My Family?"

This Sunday, June 16th, is also Scholarship Sunday. Scholarships from the Nicholas & Marie Zucco Scholarship Fund, Helen & Frank Hardina-Marion Hunter Scholarship Fund, and the Agawam Congregational Scholarship Fund will be given out to the students.

The 1996 scholarship recipients are: Freshmen - Kirsten L. Decoteau and Sabrina A. Ferrari; Sophomore - Amy J. Bressem; Junior - Amy R. Anino and Stephen P. Decoteau; Senior - Andrew J. Bressem and Dana A. Fuller; and Adult - Charlene M. Trombley.

The summer "Youth Church" will begin this Sunday, June 16th, and continue through the summer, ending on Sunday, August 25th.

Kids for Character is a series devoted to instructing children in developing their character, values, and ethics.

The series will be adapted to support these themes from a Biblical perspective.

An inter-church teen dance will be held on Friday, June 21st, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. The Junior High and Senior High dance will have Chuck Malloy as D.J. and "The Doug Nooney Band."

There is a \$3 charge (\$2.50 with a canned good for the Open Pantry). Refreshments will be available.

There will be a no re-entry policy in effect.

The Vacation Bible Camp, "Images Of God," will be held July 29th through August 2nd from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Ages two through the sixth grade are welcome.

Please register early or by July 15th by calling the church office at 786-7111. Cost is \$5 per child (\$10 maximum per family).

There will be a Potluck Supper at 6:00 p.m. on the last day of camp, August 2nd, at the church. Canned goods for the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry will be collected at the Potluck Supper.

**Memorial Service At
Valley Comm. Church
For John MacPherson**

A Memorial Service will be held at Valley Community Church on Saturday, June 15th, for John A. MacPherson, who passed away on May 7th at his home in Port Charlotte, Florida.

John and his wife, Carmie, have been charter members of Valley Community Church since the church originated back in 1962. John actively engaged in the physical building of the church and was instrumental in setting the policies of the many boards and committees which are still in service at the church.

John was also a member of the Samuel Osgood Masonic Lodge in Springfield and Eastern Star Golden Chapter 5 in Westfield.

John leaves his wife, Carmie; a son, Gordon of South Weymouth; a daughter, Linda of Williamsburg; and a sister, Annie MacLeod of Prince Edward Island, Canada.

The memorial service will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the church, followed by a burial service at Springfield Street Cemetery.

Valley Community Church is located at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

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**Summer Youth Church
Set To Begin At
Ag. Congregational**

The Agawam Congregational Church will begin its "Summer Youth Church" this Sunday, June 16th, and will continue it throughout the summer, ending on Sunday, August 25th.

The series "Kids For Character" offers a video series for kids ages three through sixth grade. Six foundational character themes will be our focus: trustworthiness, responsibility, respect, caring, fairness, and citizenship.

These themes will be supported by Bible stories and will have organized activities, crafts, and songs.

**Strawberry Festival
At Baptist Church
On Sat., June 15th**

Agawam Baptist Church, located at Main and Elm Streets in Agawam, is having its Annual Strawberry Festival this Saturday, June 15th, with sittings at 4:45 and 6:15 p.m.

Adults are priced at \$7 each, and children under 10 years of age are just \$3 each.

The menu will include baked ham, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, rolls & butter, beverages, and strawberry shortcake.

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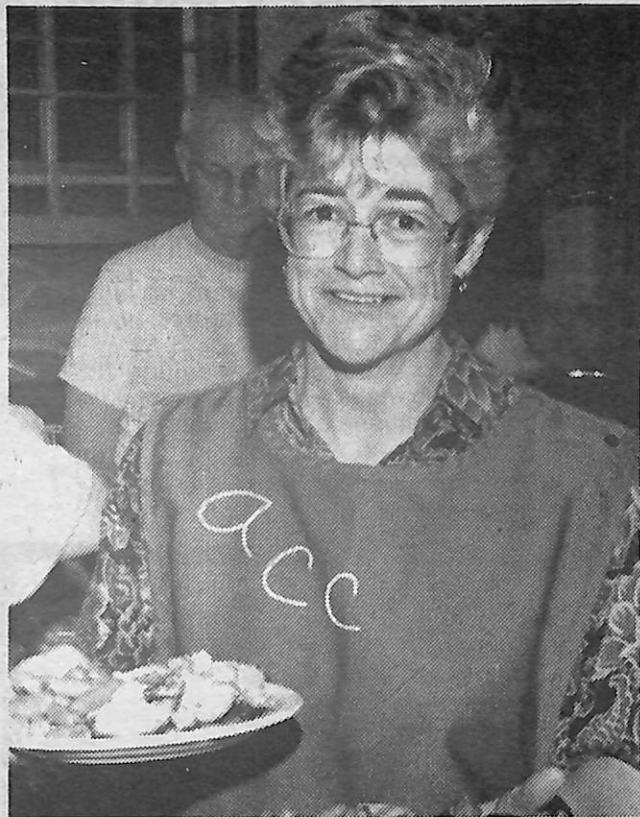
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Roast Pork Supper At Ag. Congregational Church



THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH held a Roast Pork Supper recently. From left - Lesley Young was one of the kitchen helpers; Jerry Hamel, Anne Hamel, and Carol Allen were busy serving food; and at right, Alex Lake, 3, looks as if his eyes are bigger than his stomach. Advertiser News photos by

Jack Devine.

Summer Bible Camp
At St. John's Church

Saint John the Evangelist Parish on Main Street will host a Summer Bible Camp program at the Church during the week of July 8, 1996. This program is for children ages four through eight.

The program will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon each day of the week. The children will be told Bible stories each day. After this, the teachers will lead the children in completing craft projects which will relate to the Bible story for the day.

Time will also be set aside for snacks, learning songs, and having some play time. A special Church Closing Ceremony will conclude the week's program on July 12th.

Families wishing to register for this fun-filled week are encouraged to stop into the Parish Office to complete the necessary paperwork. The fee for the week's program is \$12 per child, with a maximum of \$30 for any one family.

Registrations will close on June 24, 1996.

Family Prayer Hour
At Dominican Nuns

The next monthly hour of prayer and song for the families of the world will be held at the Dominican Nuns' Monastery Chapel, 1430 Riverdale Street, West Springfield, on Sunday, June 16th, at 4:00 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The service will include the singing of evening prayer and the recitation of the Rosary and Benediction.

News & Notes From F.H. Congregational
For Next Few Weeks In June

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Rev. Donaldson returns to lead the worship service this week at 10:00 a.m. He will preach a sermon at that time entitled "High Expectations."

Children are welcome to attend church with their parents, leaving at the designated time for a planned activity. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

Please note that the Board of Christian Education did not meet on June 9th, but will meet instead on Sunday, June 16th, at 11:30 a.m.

The Adult choir will delight us musically on Sunday, June 23rd, with some new music as well as some "greatest hits" they've sung for us before.

Please be at the 10:00 a.m. worship service to show your appreciation for these wonderful musicians who help enhance our worship services with their God-given talents!

Don't forget the Ladies Benevolent Society's delicious Strawberry Supper and Food Sale which will be held on Saturday, June 15th. There will be continuous servings (family style) from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The menu includes boiled ham, potato and egg salad, cole slaw, rolls and pickles, strawberry

shortcake, and beverages.

The cost is \$7 for adults and \$2.50 for children under the age of eight. Bring your dad for a Father's Day treat!

On Sunday, June 23rd, our church will celebrate a very special event — the confirmation of Shelley Rose and Ryan White!

As we have seen, both Ryan and Shelley have worked very hard towards their confirmation. Let us all join together to welcome them joyfully into the faith of the United Church of Christ as full members of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church.

Volleyball is back! Join us on Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m. for a vigorous game!

On the calendar this week:

Saturday, June 15th: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Strawberry Supper.

Sunday, June 16th: 10:00 a.m., Worship Service; 11:30 a.m., Christian Ed meeting; 5:00 to 7:30 p.m., Crossroads Christian Fellowship.

Tuesday, June 18th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Wednesday, June 19th: 2:30 p.m., Girl Scouts (last meeting); 6:30 p.m., Music; 7:00 p.m., Choir.

Thursday, June 20th: 5:30 p.m., No volleyball due to baseball practice.

Friday, June 21st: Rev. Donaldson's day off.

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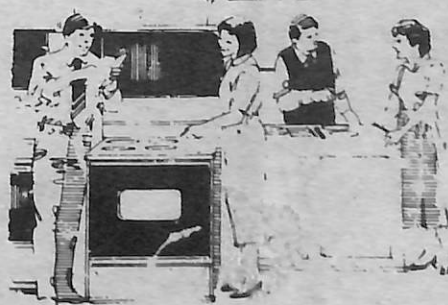
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Calendar Of Events At St. David's Church

JOIN THE PEOPLE OF ST. DAVID'S CHURCH AS THEY CELEBRATE THE NEW LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST in worship services June 15th-16th.

The church offers a quiet, contemporary service at 5:00 p.m., and a dignified, traditional service Sunday at 8:00 a.m., both held at the church building, 522 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills.

The exuberant renewal service at 10:00 a.m. is held at the Agawam Middle School, and normally features a summer Sunday School program for those in grades K-4. There is also nursery care for smaller children, and the service is interpreted for the deaf.

This week's services will focus on Father's Day and will feature testimonies from some of the men who attended a recent conference in Syracuse. A white carnation will be given to every father or grandfather in attendance.

St. David's welcomes visitors at all of its worship services.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM CONTINUES through the summer with a "one-room schoolhouse" program for all ages, taught by volunteer adults utilizing exciting Christian videos.

TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR A BUILDING FUNDRAISING SUPPER on Saturday, June 15th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Italian Sporting Club in Agawam. Contact the Church Office at 786-6133 for tickets or further information.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO JOIN ST. DAVID'S PARISHIONERS AND OTHERS THIS MONDAY AT 7:00 P.M. IN SPRINGFIELD for the monthly *Concert of Prayer* with churches from throughout the region. We will meet from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Evangelical Covenant Church on Plumtree Road. Contact the Parish Office for further information.

THE JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP OF ST. DAVID'S, for those in grades 5-8, will take its Annual Retreat to Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard Friday and Saturday, June 21st-22nd. Further information about St. David's varied youth programs may be obtained by contacting the Parish Office at 786-6133.

CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN FOR OUR NEW FACILITY, to be located at 697 Springfield Street. The public is welcome to join us in being "sidewalk superintendents," and we covet your prayers.

Also, **EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US AS WE LAY THE CORNERSTONE OF THE NEW BUILDING** on Sunday, June 23rd, rain or shine, from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m.

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Strawberry Supper & Food Sale At F.H. Congregational Church

The Ladies Benevolent Society of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, is sponsoring a strawberry supper and food sale on Saturday, June 15, 1996.

The menu will include potato and egg salad, boiled ham, cole slaw, rolls and pickles, strawberry shortcake, and beverage.

The cost will be \$7 for adults, \$2.50 for children under eight years of age, and free for preschool-age children. Continuous servings will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

For reservations, call 786-0679.

Five More Children Baptized At St. John's

Father John Sheaffer, Parochial Vicar of St. John the Evangelist Church, baptized five children into the faith community of the parish.

They are: Erica Lynn Gallerani, Mercedes Nancy Martin, Jenna Lynn McQuade, Ian Mark Paleologopoulos, and Cody Michael Soden.

The baptisms were performed at a recent 11:30 a.m. Mass.

Check our classified

Chicken Supper At United Methodist

Agawam Methodist Church will hold a supper on Saturday, June 15th, at 5:00 p.m. at the church on Mill Street.

On the menu will be stuffed breast of chicken. The price is \$7 for adults and \$6 for senior citizens.

For reservations, call Dana Henry at 789-0684. (Please note the change of time to 5:00 p.m. This will allow the help to get done early.)

St. Thomas Church Taking Applications For Crafts Fair

The Women's Club of St. Thomas Church, West Springfield, is accepting applications from crafters interested in participating in its fourth annual Holiday Craft Fair to be held Saturday, November 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.

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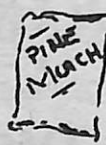
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Spotlight On Business

Simmons Co. Cited By Corp. As Most Improved

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Simmons Co., at 320 Bowles Road in the Agawam Industrial Park, manufacturers of Beautyrest box springs and mattresses, was cited by its corporate headquarters as the "Most Improved" of its 17 plants for the year 1995.

Two black and gold banners were presented to the local plant in recognition of its growth at a catered steak barbeque for all 135 employees on the grounds of the local plant on May 28th. The awards were given by Jim Maher, executive vice president of the corporation. Corporate headquarters are in Atlanta.

The "Most Improved Plant" banner is huge, black with gold logo and lettering. It has the company's new logo; a globe with the letter "S" around it. On the crossbar of the S is the word **Simmons**. There are also the letters MIP for "Most Improved Plant" and the year 1995.

The local plant excelled in a year-long competition with the other 16 plants throughout the U.S., Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

Both Paul Cowie, vice president and general manager, and Jeff Hilbruner, operations manager of the plant, were cited for the Agawam plant's most improved record.

16th In Company Sales

Cowie beamed with pride as he pointed out that the plant did \$25 million in business in 1995, and was 16th in company sales. He said this is \$3-\$5 million over 1994 and an increase of 16 percent in 1995 over 1994.

In 1994, the plant manufactured 650 mattresses and box springs a day and in 1995, 800 a day. This year, they expect to average 1,000 pieces a day, according to Cowie.

A second smaller but similar black and gold banner was presented to the quilt department at the plant. Seven employees make the quilted tops of mattresses. The company keeps track all year of the amount of discarded scraps and general efficiency, and the Agawam plant's quilt department showed the best record of all 17 plants.

This banner is hanging over the quilt department at the plant.

Tee-shirts emblazoned with the new company logo were distributed to all employees at the outdoor banquet, and pins were presented to the seven members of the quilt department.

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TOP OFFICIALS at Simmons Company in Agawam include Jeff Hilbruner, operations manager (left) and Paul Cowie, vice-president/general manager. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



EMPLOYEES FROM SIMMONS COMPANY proudly display the "1995 VIPP Crown Award" unveiled at a company barbeque on May 28th. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Certified Financial Planner Offering Retirement Planning Seminar At Library

Michael Levine, a certified financial planner, will offer a Retirement Investment Planning Seminar on Thursday, June 27th, at the Agawam Public Library from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. for Agawam and Feeding Hills residents.

Special topics that will be covered in the seminar include pension plans, distributions,

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Remodeling Your Home: Is It Worth The Investment?

A home is one of the biggest investments a family can own. The classic way for homeowners to increase the value of their current home and add to its comfort is by remodeling existing rooms or adding rooms to the current layout.

Past trends have been towards adding family rooms and extra baths, which has given way to the 90's trend of adding offices complete with all the amenities you'd find in a business setting — computers, fax machines, voice mail, and more.

"When it comes to actual improvement and additions, a homeowner should research the project return on investment when deciding to do the job. In most cases, they are looking for comfort and convenience but, when planned properly, it can be a worthwhile investment," says Cynthia Turnbull,

Regional Director for Century 21 in Massachusetts.

She continued, "We see the addition of a bathroom or minor kitchen remodeling as the best investments. However, in spite of the 90's trend towards a home office, we see it as the least attractive investment. As a matter of fact, I would recommend that someone actually consider upgrading to a bigger home rather than adding an office."

According to Remodeling Magazine, the average cost of a home office addition in Massachusetts was \$9,193, compared to \$14,182 for the addition of a bathroom and \$9,524 for minor kitchen remodeling. The projected return on investment was 56%, 84%, and 110% for each, respectively.

John Schuler, broker of CENTURY 21 Newschu Real Estate, Inc., advises that the best investments to a home should be in the area of minor home improvement: replace worn carpets, tiles, and wood floors; repaint with neutral colors; replace dated fixtures; and improve the "curb appeal" of the property with minor landscaping.

"These types of improvements can make your home feel brand new again and help stretch your dollars. In addition, when you go to sell it, the home will have a better chance of selling at its market value in a shorter period of time," stated Schuler.

What's the worst mistake a family can make? Schuler remarked, "Besides adding room that won't give a good return, I'd say it's putting on an addition that doesn't follow the architectural style of the home. Or as far as minor improvements, doing some type of outlandish design element like retro-sixties throughout the house! The more conservative a person can be, with neutral colors and clean design, the better it will be come selling time."

Suffield Attorney Contributes Article To "Thinking Big In Small Business" Paper

Suffield: Suffield resident Paul L. Mancinone, Esq., CPA recently contributed the article "Resolving the Worker Classification Mystery" to *Thinking Big In Small Business*, an annual publication of the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants (CSCPA). Mr. Mancinone is the owner of the Suffield tax law firm of Paul Louis Mancinone, Esq. Mr. Mancinone's article addresses the complex issue of whether a worker should be classified as an "employee" or an "independent contractor."

Mr. Mancinone is a member of the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants, the

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the American Bar Association, and the American Association of Attorney-Certified Public Accountants. he received his B.S. from Westfield State College and his J.D. from the Western New England College School of Law.

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From an overhead vantage point, one can see the plant's entire assemblage of a mattress and box spring from start to finish. There is no need for warehousing of the product, Cowie said, as they only make what has been ordered. And at this point, the company is making 1,000 pieces a day. The local plant services all of New England and upper New York state.

Cowie has been with Simmons Co. for 25 years. He started as a sales trainee in Elizabeth, New Jersey and worked his way up to vice president and manager of the Agawam plant.

Operations Manager Hibruner has only been with Simmons Co. for two-and-a-half years. He came to Agawam a year ago from the Elizabeth, New Jersey plant, where he was productions manager.

May through October is the plant's busiest period of the year, and Cowie credited that to weddings, folks opening vacation homes after the winter, and it is the period when most people move.

Aspiring To Be "Best Overall"

The goal for the plant, according to both Cowie and Hibruner, is to be the best overall plant in the corporation for 1996, thereby earning the title of "Best Overall Plant-1996."

Working in two shifts, the Agawam Simmons plant is open from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight, and sometimes later, Monday through Friday. Twenty percent of the 135 employees are Agawam residents and the rest are from the Greater Springfield area.

Attorney Teryl Deegan Joins Law Academy

Teryl A. Deegan of Agawam, Attorney at Law, has joined the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Inc. (NAELA). Membership in the Academy is open to licensed attorneys who are practicing in the area of elder law or who are interested in legal issues pertaining to the elderly.

The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys is a professional association of attorneys concerned with improving the availability and delivery of legal services to the older person. With the emergence of elder law as an acknowledged area of practice, NAELA is striving to define the area of practice, establish standards, and create an information network among elder law attorneys.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...**ATTORNEY VICTOR D. GOVONI****Attorney Victor D. Govoni Relocates To West Spfld.**

Victor D. Govoni of 24 Willowbrook Drive, Agawam, has relocated his law practice to 131 Elm Street, West Springfield.

Attorney Govoni graduated from West Springfield High School in 1955. Thereafter, he attended Norwich University and graduated in 1959 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

After graduation, he entered the Army, attaining the rank of 1st Lieutenant. From 1962 to 1969, he worked for Travelers Insurance Company as a personal injury claims adjuster. While at Travelers, he attended Western New England College, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Law in 1969.

He has practiced law since 1970 in the Springfield area, and was partner in the firm of LaCroix and Fuller from 1972 to 1995. During that time, he was Counsel for the Agawam Housing Authorities for five years and represented the Town of Agawam as Prosecutor for eight years.

An active member in the Dante Club, West Springfield, he has served on its Board of Directors for eight years and is still active in its sports program.

Attorney Govoni's law practice concentrates in the areas of: Personal Injury, Real Estate, Family Law, Workers' Compensation, Wills, Trusts and Probate of Estates, and Criminal and Civil Law.

He is a member of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, Massachusetts Bar Association, and Massachusetts Conveyancers Association.

Towne Insurance Qualifies For Leadership Club

The Premier Insurance Company of Massachusetts, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Travelers, has announced that a local insurance agent qualified for the Travelers Leadership Club. Congratulations to **Towne Insurance Agency, Inc.**, located at 100 Main Street, Agawam, for this achievement.

In order to qualify for this award, agencies must achieve success in a number of areas which exhibit their professionalism and dedication to good business practices.

In addition to special incentive awards, all qualifying agencies were able to send members of their organization to a special conference in Scottsdale, Arizona. Lisa M. Matroni represented Towne Insurance Agency at the conference.

Edwin J. Rinehimer, CEO and President of Premier, praised the qualifiers and was most gratified that Massachusetts qualified 61 agencies for this award, more than any other regional operation of the Travelers.

In announcing these recipients, Mr. Rinehimer stated, "We at Premier want to thank these agencies for their contribution to our organization throughout 1995. The agents honored by this designation are among our top agencies, and we are proud to have them as part of our company representation in Massachusetts."

Charles Alvanos Receives Award As "Master Advisor"

Charlie Alvanos of Feeding Hills, a personal financial advisor with American Express Financial Advisors, Inc., the nationwide financial planning and services company, has been named a "Master Advisor."

To be awarded this designation, Alvanos established himself in the top echelon of the company's field force and exceeded stringent financial planning and client service requirements. Only a select number of advisors are awarded this distinction each year.

Alvanos works at the Western Massachusetts office located at Whitney Place, 14 Bobala Road, Holyoke.

American Express Financial Advisors is the nation's leading financial planning company and currently owns and/or manages more than \$109 billion in assets.

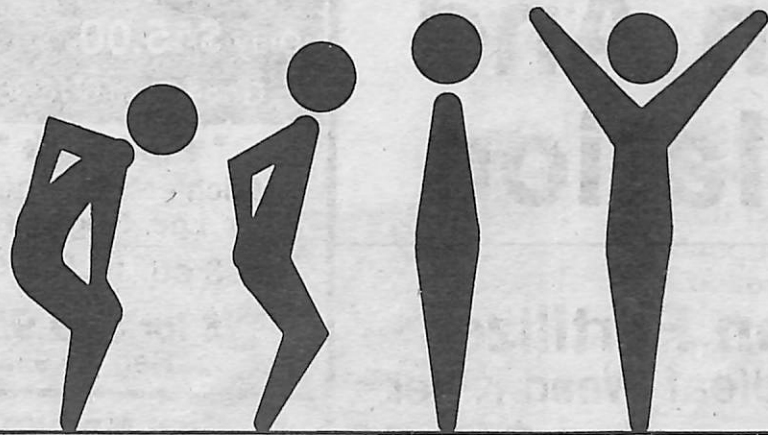
Through a network of more than 8,000 personal financial advisors, the company provides ongoing, long-term planning, coupled with superior financial products, to nearly two-million clients in 50 states.

**WILLIAM MCCLURE****William McClure Named Trustee At Westfield Savings**

William McClure, President of McClure Insurance Agency of West Springfield, has been elected a trustee of Westfield Savings Bank, it was announced recently by Westfield Savings President, Donald A. Williams.

A resident of Longmeadow, Mr. McClure has been a Corporator of Westfield Savings since February 1992.

Jack Devine needs at least 48 hours notice to cover your events. 789-0053.

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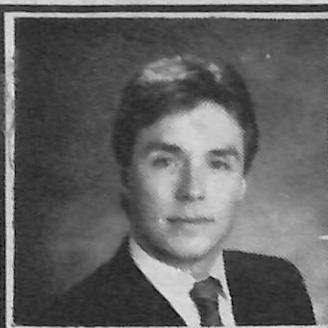
Health Fair Held At Fitness First



FITNESS FIRST HEALTH CLUB in Feeding Hills held a "Senior Health Fair" on Wednesday, May 29th. **IN TOP PHOTO**, Lena Pelouquin promotes the "Senior Class" at Baystate Medical Center; **IN MIDDLE PHOTO**, Feeding Hills chiropractor, Dr. Tami Nelson, and Deb Roberts, chiropractic assistant, were passing out info on chiropractic care for the elderly; and **IN PHOTO BELOW**, Linda Fitzgerald represented Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Your Back And Your Health

by **Dr. Joseph S. Schlaffer**
Chiropractic Offices
192 Shoemaker Lane
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The "Pain" Of Gardening...

Question: Rototilling my garden recently has resulted in a nagging low-back ache, with the pain going down the back of the leg. What do you recommend?

Answer: Gardening and landscaping are great, if you recognize that they are activities that produce certain body stresses; if you recognize your own physical limitations; and if you do them with good sense as well as enthusiasm.

Most people fail to maintain the level of physical conditioning required to perform strenuous tasks around their homes. Then, as the warmer weather begins, they try to make their lawns or gardens the most attractive on the block — all in one day!

They dig, lift, bend, rake, and shovel for hours

on end. The result is often similar to what you are now describing. Their backs hurt, their muscles ache, and they wonder why.

Doctors of Chiropractic, whose health-care services emphasize the structural integrity of the body, offer the following "golden rules" of gardening:

1. Warm up your muscles to the task you are about to start.
2. Don't bend over for long periods of time without taking standing breaks.
3. Don't lift more than you can handle.
4. Wear clothing that does not restrict or confine your movements.
5. Wear flat, comfortable shoes that offer firm support.
6. Use the proper tool for each job.
7. Avoid becoming overheated or chilled.
8. Avoid iced drinks when overheated.
9. Avoid doing your work in an awkward position.

As far as your immediate problem, if your aches and pains don't subside in a few days, a chiropractic spinal examination is advised. You'll find a unique approach to low-back and related leg pain without medication. Continuing pain in any part of the back, neck, arms, and legs indicates more than muscular problems.

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For Your Health - continued...

A LARGE GROUP of 1st graders at James Clark School paid a visit recently to the Agawam Health Center to view a video called *Me And My Body*. The students also participated in a poison prevention program. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Clark 1st Graders Visit Agawam Health Ctr.

Seventy-five first graders from James Clark School visited the Agawam Health Center on May 21st. The children viewed "Me and MY Body," a video which explores the uniqueness of each person and introduces the important principles of healthy eating, daily exercise, and adequate rest.

They participated in a poison prevention program that clearly demonstrates that "Everything at Grandma's House Isn't Candy."

Scheduled activities in the Pediatric Department

included the casting of little fingers and fingerprinting as well as the basic height and weight measurements. They also had the opportunity for a little hands-on experience with crutches, wheelchairs, and gurneys.

The Radiology Department demonstrated the use of their equipment and displayed sample x-rays. A good time was had by all while preparing youngsters for a better healthcare experience.

Medical West Plans Women's Health Night On Thursday, June 20

Medical West Associates, located in Agawam, Chicopee, Springfield, Longmeadow, and Westfield, will salute women with a special health screening event on Thursday, June 20th, from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Each health center will provide health awareness and educational information, as well as free blood pressure and blood sugar screenings. The location of each center is as follows:

230 Main Street, Agawam; 444 Montgomery Avenue, Chicopee; 305 Bicentennial Highway, Springfield; 1029 North Road, Westfield; and 904-916 Shaker Road, Longmeadow.

Medical West Associates is a physicians' group practice affiliated with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts (BCBSMA). June 17th-21st has been designated as Women's Week 1996 at BCBSMA in celebration of its corporate commitment to improving the quality of health care for all women.

For more information, call (413) 598-7131.



Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

Understanding Food Cravings

If you're a meat-and-potatoes person or simply prefer fruits and vegetables, then your gender may be responsible.

Research shows that there is such a thing as boy food and girl food. Psychologist Marcia Pelchat researches food preferences and gender. She says men are more likely to crave meat. Women are less interested in meat, and crave sweets.

What causes these differences? Some of it is biological. Men are usually larger than women. Pelchat says, "Men have higher caloric requirements so they can eat more without becoming obese than women can," and male and female noses are different, too.

How a food smells has a lot to do with how it tastes. "There are distinctions between males and females in odor sensitivity. Across the life span, women are a little more sensitive, are better at identifying odors, and so on," says Pelchat.

Society also plays a role. Scarlett O'Hara in *Gone with the Wind* was warned that it was unladylike to eat a lot in public. Her maid told her, "I have told you and told you that you can always tell a lady by the way that she eats in front of folds like a bird."

According to Pelchat, women will try to appear to be lighter eaters, say, when they're on a date with a man. They might eat differently than if they were eating with a bunch of close female friends.

Women's cravings for sweets appear to be linked to hormones. Cravings fluctuate with a woman's menstrual cycle, and then at menopause.

The desire for sweets decreases dramatically, and of course, not all men crave a good slab of meat, and not all women are salad lovers. But in general, your gender does seem to influence your appetite.

Nancy Dell is a Registered Dietitian in private practice in Feeding Hills, and the media representative for the American Dietetic Association.

Cancer Support Group To Meet At Noble Hospital In Westfield

Noble Hospital's Cancer Support Group will meet on Thursday, June 20th, at 7:30 p.m. in Noble Hospital's Auditorium A.

The Cancer Support Group is free and open to the public. Registration is not necessary.

For further information, call Ana Nunez, 568-2811, ext. 5698.

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Chiropractic Adjustments

Occasionally a question we get in the office is, "What is a chiropractic adjustment?" The 24 movable bones that make up the spine, the vertebrae, all should be moving properly in order for the body to be functioning at 100 percent.

A loss of normal motion or position of these bones can irritate or impair the function of the nervous system. This can disrupt the transmission of controlling nerve impulses.

With improved spinal function, there is often improved nervous system function. This means everything is working better.

A chiropractic adjustment is the art of using a specific force in a precise direction, applied to a joint that is fixated, "locked up," or not moving properly. This adds motion to the joint, helping the bones gradually return to a more normal position and motion. This results in improved spinal function, improved nervous system function, and improved health.

There are many ways to adjust the spine. Some techniques are quick, high-accurate thrusts, whereas others are slow and constant pressure. Occasionally, a "popping" sound is heard with an adjustment. This is a result of the gases releasing within the joint capsule.

People ask if they can adjust themselves. It is possible to turn or bend or twist in certain ways to create a "popping sound"; unfortunately, this type of joint manipulation is usually counterproductive, often making an already unstable area of the spine even more unstable or hypermobile.

The best way to enjoy chiropractic is to receive adjustments from a Doctor of Chiropractic. Even I need to visit a chiropractor for regular adjustments! If you need to see a chiropractor, call our office.

If you are interested in learning more about chiropractic, Dr. Nelson offers a complimentary health care class which answers many questions you may have. Our next scheduled class will be on Wednesday, June 19th, at 7:00 p.m. at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Please call our office at 786-4820 to reserve a space. Dr. Nelson is available to answer questions on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the above number.



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Balance Disorders & Dizziness Support At Mercy Hospital

The next meeting of the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation's Balance Disorders and Dizziness Support Group is on June 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

Sessions are open to those suffering from balance difficulties and chronic dizziness associated with disorders including Meniere's Disease, Acoustic Neuroma, Perilymph Fistula (PLF), Bilateral Paroxysmal Positional Nystagmus (BPPN), Endolymphatic Hydrops, Trigeminal Neuralgia, and Labyrinthitis.

Family and friends are also welcome. Meetings are conducted the last Wednesday of each month, and are free of charge.

For more information, call Lois Osetek, M.S., CCC/A, at (413) 748-6840.

Weekly Cancer Support To Meet Tuesdays At Mercy Hospital

Persons with cancer, their families, and friends are invited to take part in Mercy Hospital's new Cancer Support Group. Meetings are conducted on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Women's Pavilion, 299 Carew Street, Springfield.

Group facilitator Suzanne Nolan, M.A., N.A.C.C., of Mercy Hospital's Pastoral Care Department, is a certified chaplain and trained spiritual director. The group offers information on topics of interest to cancer patients and an opportunity to share experiences in a friendly, supportive atmosphere.

For more information, call Mercy Hospital's Pastoral Care Department, (413) 748-9453.

Breastfeeding Class To Be Held At Providence Hospital

The Center for Women's Health at Providence Hospital will conduct a Breastfeeding Class on June 20th from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. in the hospital conference room.

Taught by certified lactation consultant Madeline Boland, R.N., I.B.L.C., the program provides information on the benefits and basics of breastfeeding, breast-pumping techniques, and helpful tips to support a positive and successful breastfeeding experience. Partners are encouraged to attend.

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Diabetes Support Group To Meet At Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital's Diabetes Support Group will meet on Tuesday, June 25th, at 1:00 p.m. in Noble Hospital's Conference Room A on the ground floor.

Featured guest speaker will be Mark S. Schneider, PhD, who will speak on "Stress and Diabetes."

The Diabetes Support Group is free and open to individuals with diabetes and their spouse or support persons. Registration is not necessary.

For more information about the Diabetes Support Group, please call the Nursing Administration Department at 568-2811, ext. 5754.

Head Injury Support On June 26th At Mercy Hospital

The Head Injury Support Group, sponsored by the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at Mercy Hospital in Springfield, will meet on June 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center.

The free meetings are conducted the fourth Wednesday of each month, and are open to persons who have experienced a head injury, their families, and friends; refreshments will be served.

For more information, call Norma Coughlin, (413) 748-6990.

Spinal Cord Support At Weldon Center

The Spinal Cord Injury Support Group, sponsored by the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at Mercy Hospital in Springfield, will meet on June 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center.

The free meetings are conducted the last Wednesday of the month, and are open to spinal cord injury survivors, their families, and friends.

For more information, call group facilitator Sharon Abdalla, (413) 748-6800.

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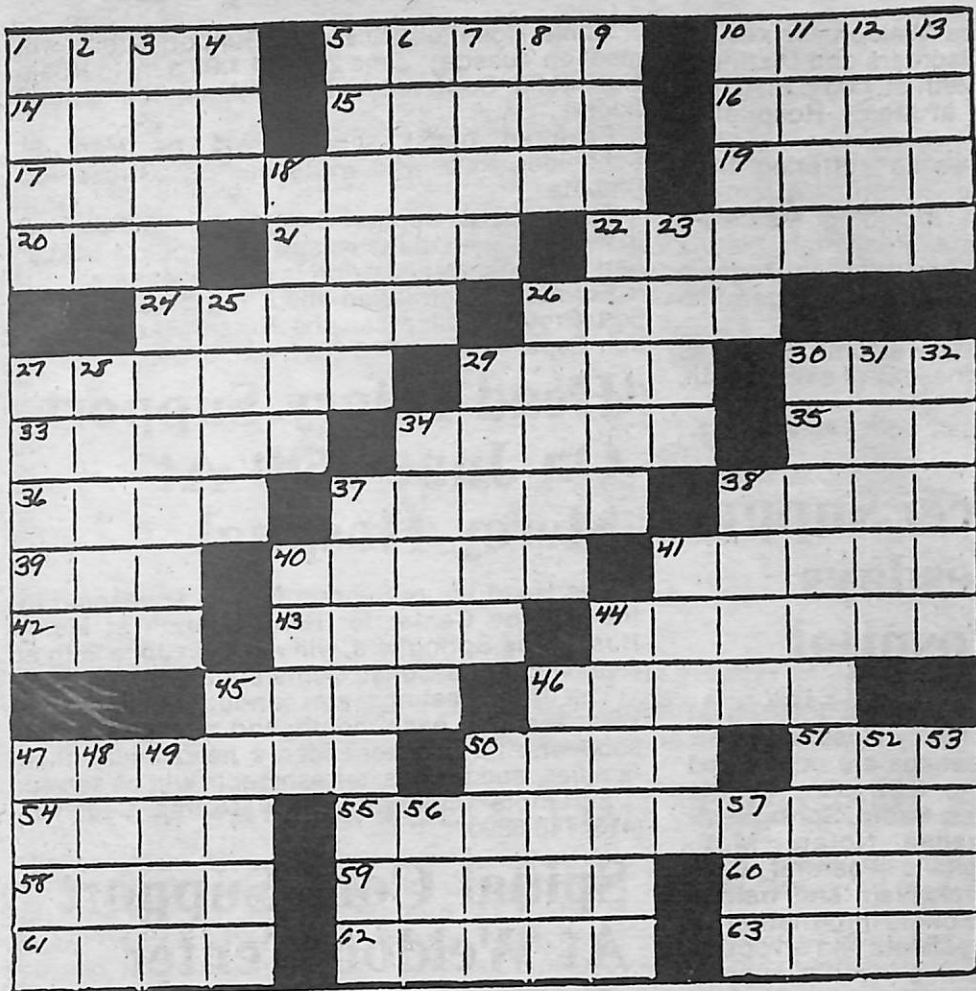


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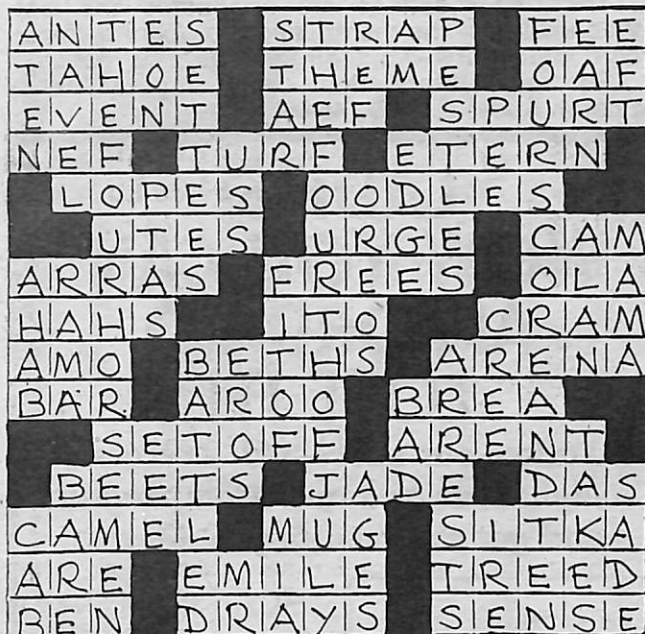
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Ag. Public Library To Host Computer Classes On "Windows 95"

The Agawam Public Library will offer four beginner computer classes on Windows 95 on Wednesday, June 19th, and Thursday, July 18th. Two 45-minute classes will be given on both days. Class times are from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m., and 7:05 to 7:50 p.m. and are limited to five people per class.

Gary Goulet, network administrator for the Town of Agawam, will conduct the two classes on Wednesday, June 19th.

Registration is mandatory for the classes and is limited to residents of Agawam and Feeding Hills. Anyone who is interested in registering for the classes can stop by the library or call 789-1550.

Swedish Mid-Summer Fest At Spfld. Turnverein

A Swedish Mid-Summer Fest has been scheduled for Saturday, June 22nd, at the Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills (right off Route 57).

This event will begin at 2:00 p.m. and will feature music, food, dancing, and fun.

Please R.S.V.P. by June 15th by calling 734-5001.

This event is being sponsored by Brage Iduna Lodge No. 9, Vasa Order of America.

"Merry Berry Party" At Agawam Public Library

Agawam and Feeding Hills children ages 3½ and up are invited to join us for a bunch of sweet berry stories on Monday, June 24th, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Since this is the season for red ripe strawberries, we'll have some "berry" delicious refreshments afterwards!

Registration is a must, so call the library at 789-1550 or stop by at 750 Cooper Street.

If you wish to subscribe, please call us at 786-7747 or 786-8137. Thanks.

Happy 13th Birthday, Laura!



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Storowton Village Museum Is Set To Open For The Summer

Storowton Village Museum will swing its doors open on Saturday, June 15th, for a day full of free tours of its historic buildings by costumed guides from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., marking the official opening of its summer season.

Eastern States Exposition's picturesque "Village" includes a Meeting House, a School House, a Blacksmith Shop, the John Potter Mansion, the Eddy Law Office, and the Gilbert Farmhouse, which will be staffed by costumed volunteers offering information and answers to visitors' questions. A visit to the Village's newest exhibit, The General Store, located in the F.A. Potter Mansion, will conjure up visions of yesteryear when folks truly experienced "one stop shopping."

Visitors having lunch in Storowton Tavern on Opening Day will receive a free ice cream sundae. Complimentary sundae certificates are available in the Storowton Village Gift Shop.

After Opening Day, the Village will be open for tours from June 17th through August 31st from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for children ages six to 16, and free for children under six years of ages. On Opening Day only, June 15th, admission is free.

For more information on this special, free event, call the Village office at (413) 787-0136.

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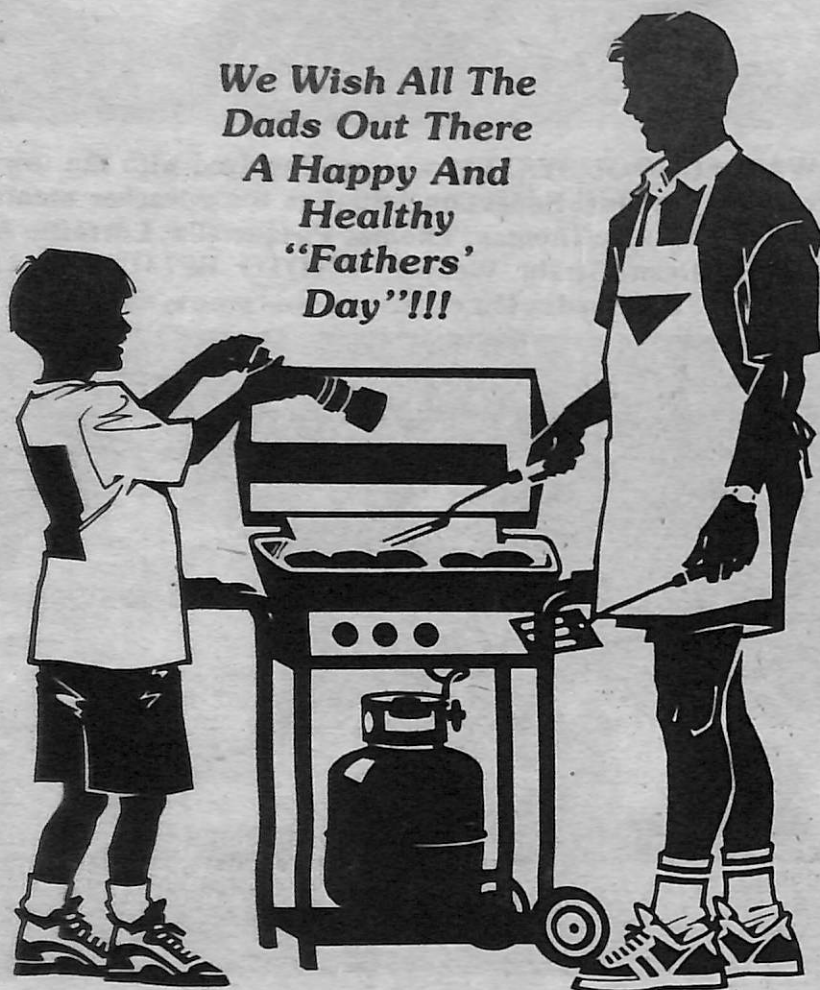
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Education

Grant To Help Mentoring For Town's Teachers

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Imagine your first day on a new job. You're not sure of the chain of command; you don't know how to order supplies; you're feeling lost in a labyrinth of corridors and connecting doors.

Compounding the terrors of any new job site, teachers are faced with several daunting issues peculiar to their chosen profession.

In addition to the usual worries confronting anyone entering a workplace for the first time, teachers are often faced with the prospect of learning the names, personal quirks, and learning styles of more than 100 students who will be scrutinizing their every word and gesture—not to mention the parents and guardians of their charges who will be expecting them to become instant experts on each child's individual needs and abilities.

Given the monumental task teachers are expected to master from the moment they enter a classroom full of divergent needs, it should come as no surprise that education professionals and the shapers of public policy have recognized a need for the implementation of a structured program to give new teachers the benefits of a close working relationship with experienced peer mentors.

Thanks to a grant written by Lorraine F. Alves, the Agawam School System's academic coordinator for mathematics, teachers new to the system will have a unique support network in a mentoring program that pairs new teachers with veteran teachers willing to share their expertise in the classroom, their knowledge of content support, and their friendship in a close big brother/big sister sort of relationship.

As part of a commitment to professional development, the mentoring program will benefit all aspects of the school system. It will help experienced teachers focus on what they do well and help new teachers develop trusting, honest relationships with veteran teachers.

The veteran educators will serve as non-judgmental mentors and ensure the entire system will share in the benefits of retaining new staff members who will have the safety cushion of relying on their mentors to assist them in understanding how the school system functions, according to Mrs. Alves.

Proven Benefit To School System

Research has shown that school systems with mentoring programs in place enjoy a turnover rate for new teachers cut in half over a five year period, Mrs. Alves said.

Under the umbrella of the National Education Initiative, **Goals 2000**, Agawam has received a grant of \$40,000 to launch its mentoring program.

"We had originally asked for \$32,000, but they were so impressed with our grant request, they didn't think we asked for enough," Mrs. Alves said.

Under the direction of American International College Dean C. Gerald Weaver, a group of volunteer teacher mentors attended a training session earlier this year designed to set the program in motion.

In order for the mentoring program to work, both the veteran teachers and their proteges will need to have release time from their classroom duties to observe and learn from each other's performance in the classroom, Mrs. Alves said.

"We're hoping the mentoring will be looked on as a "duty," like cafeteria duty, so that there can be some sort of release time for the teachers to get together," Mrs. Alves said.

In instituting the mentoring program this year, Agawam is one step ahead of the mandates of the two year-old Education Reform process currently being felt in communities across the state.

"By September 1997, all school systems in Massachusetts are required to have a first year induction plan in place for hiring new teachers," Mrs. Alves said. "The state is very committed to the mentoring program."

Veteran staffers who have volunteered to serve as mentors for their colleagues are Patricia Bertone-Gross, Arthur Gage, Thomas Pasquerella, Margo Poulin, Linda Sasso, Irene Thomas, Sandra Hines, Betty Lee Miller, Linda Morassi, Lawrence O'Brien, and Jane Zabielski.



TEACHERS IN THE AGAWAM SCHOOL SYSTEM who are involved with the town acquiring a grant of \$40,000 from the National Education Initiative for a teacher mentoring program include (top photo, from left) Irene Thomas, Thomas Pasquerella, Lorraine Alves, Patricia Bertone-Gross, and AIC Dean Gerald Weaver; **PHOTO BELOW**, Lawrence O'Brien, Margo Poulin, Linda Sasso, and Sandra Hines. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Jr. High Students Given Drawing Demo By Artist/Illustrator From Hadley

Agawam Junior High art students were given a cartooning/illustrating demonstration by visiting artist Lahri Bond, an artist/illustrator whose studio, Heartworks Graphics, is located in Hadley.

Lahri's art background includes having illustrated for Archie Comics, Marvel Comics - Conan the Barbarian, as well as currently developing a comic book series based on ancient folk stories from Ireland.

The Hadley artist has been hired to draw CD covers, band posters, and magazine covers. Lahri

brought his original artwork—scratch board illustrations, pen and ink logos, gouache airbrush cartoons, and his portfolio of assorted work. Mr. Bond showed these groups how to begin cartooning themselves by using simple shapes—circles, squares, triangles, ovals, and rectangles from which complex drawings begin.

Students in grades seven and eight are in classes of art teachers Debora Florek and Andrew Kraus. This visiting artist is in a series presented by the Junior High Art Department and is sponsored through the PTO.

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AHS Guidance...

by Judith Cohen
Acting Director
AHS Guidance Dept.

Helping Your Child Develop A Positive Self-Esteem

Studies have shown that success in life is determined more by how a person feels about themselves than by talent or ability. Students with a positive self-esteem are better able to resist peer pressure and are more self-assured.

There are many things that a parent can do to enhance a child's self-esteem.

EXPECTATIONS

* States rules clearly and enforce them. Define limits but allow flexibility within these limits.

* Expectations should be reasonable and obtainable.

* Allow children to feel useful and valued by giving them responsibilities.

* Share family values, beliefs, and the reasons behind those feelings so that your children will incorporate them in their own lives.

ACTIONS

* By attending your children's functions, you will be telling them that their activities and accomplishments are important to you. Shared activities become special. Encourage their joining clubs, groups, and sports teams since these enhance self-esteem.

* Help children prioritize their time. Show them how you prioritize yours. Insist that they complete tasks. Seeing something come to completion increases one's self-esteem.

* Be demonstrative in your caring. Hug them and tell them you love them, are proud of them, and think they are terrific when they have accomplished something positive. A wink can be like a secret hug.

* Ask your children's opinions. This will make them feel important and allow them to take ownership of the situation.

* Do criticize your children in private, not in public.

INTERACTIONS

* Listen as your children speak and respond accordingly.

* Let them know that you made mistakes, learned from them, and still feel good about yourself. In this way, you become a positive role model.

* Walk that fine line where you give your children space to do as much as they can on their own, yet you still are able to step in and offer them support and encouragement where warranted.

* When you speak to your children, do not talk down to them. Respect them and use phrases that build self-esteem, such as "Thank you ... What a good idea ... You did that well."

ATTITUDES

* Deal with your children's feelings seriously

and positively, without belittling them. They don't want to hear that your problems are worse than theirs, or that they will outgrow their problem. To them the problem is real and often devastating.

* Emphasize the beauty in the uniqueness of each human being. Help them to appreciate others from different cultures, religions, and backgrounds.

* Share not only your successes, but also your failures, so children will know that it is permissible to fail and that you've learned from those experiences. In this way, children will be unafraid of greeting new challenges.

* Most importantly, enjoy being a parent. Learn to laugh at certain happenings, to not take some things too seriously. Children are like saplings. If we nourish them regularly with love, understanding, and kindness, they will grow into beautiful adults.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Awards and Scholarship Program was held on Thursday, June 6th. Watching the Seniors march in with their caps and gowns, and seeing them called up to garner their awards for which they strived, the audience was filled with pride, approval, awe, and excitement.

How fortunate we in Agawam are to have so many fine social, civic, school, and political organizations who work tirelessly to raise scholarship money! We also applaud the generosity of family members who have perpetuated the memory of loved ones through memorial scholarships which have been awarded to able students.

We are so pleased that each year so many scholarships are given to the students which greatly help to defray college expenses. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all of you who have made the scholarships possible. This year, \$57,400 in local scholarship aid was disseminated.

Education is truly the backbone of every society. How wonderful that the citizens of Agawam see this and enable the graduates of Agawam High School to seek higher education. A heartfelt thank you to all involved!

The class of 1996 was an outstanding class, filled with top students, talented vocational students, accomplished musicians, award-winning athletes, and other virtues too numerous to mention. I salute each and every one of you.

Below is a summary sheet which includes the future plans of the class of 1996:

SUMMARY — CLASS OF 1996

* Those planning to attend four-year colleges:

Private - 28%

Public - 23%

* Those planning to attend two-year colleges:

Private - 2%

Public - 22%

* Other private schools - 5%

* Employment - 11%

* Military Service - 6%

* Undecided - 3%

* Subtotal - 100%

* Foreign Exchange Students (not included) - 7

* Total - 263

(NOTE: 256 is the number of graduates used in the percentage breakdown.)

Jeannette Bilodeau Has Been Named A Collegiate Scholar

The United States Achievement Academy has announced that Jeannette Bilodeau has been named an All-American Collegiate Scholar.

The USAA has established the All-American Collegiate Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Collegiate Scholars must earn a 3.3, or higher, grade point average.

Only scholars selected by a school official or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the USAA. These are awards few students can ever hope to attain.

Jeannette, who attends Plymouth State College, was nominated for this national award by Dean Hage. Her name will appear in the All-American Collegiate Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, winners of the All-American Collegiate Awards should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects All-American Collegiate Scholars upon the exclusive recommendation by teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors. Once awarded, the students may be recognized by the USAA for other honors.

Jeannette is the daughter of Margaret and Gary Bilodeau of Agawam.

Elizabeth Christian Of Agawam Is Named A HOBY Ambassador

Local students have been chosen by their school principals, peers, and guidance counselors to participate as HOBY Ambassadors this June.

HOBY is the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation, an organization founded by the famous actor, Hugh O'Brian, in 1958 to educate, train, and encourage young people to be involved in and responsible for their community.

Elizabeth Christian of Agawam has been chosen to represent Cathedral High School at HOBY.

The students were chosen based upon their demonstrated leadership and potential for continued leadership growth. The student is only responsible for transportation costs; the entire seminar is paid for by individual and business sponsors.

HOBY Leadership Seminars bring together a select group of high school sophomores with groups of distinguished leaders in business, government, education, and the professions to discuss present and future issues. The goal is to provide the youths with a stimulating forum for learning about the American incentive system and democratic process while broadening their understanding of their leadership potential and quest for self-development.

For more information on HOBY, how to get involved, or to sponsor an ambassador or make a donation, please contact Dan Tabb at (413) 748-6014 or Kelly Berner at (508) 827-7602.



HOLDING THE TOWN FLAG donated to Town Hall by the Agawam High P.T.S.O. are School Committee member Susan Pettazzoni, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, and P.T.S.O. member Joann McGeoghan. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS's P.T.S.O. Makes Donation Of Town Flags

The Agawam High School P.T.S.O. (Parent, Teacher, Student Organization) donated Agawam flags to the High School and the Mayor on May 24, 1996. Mayor Christopher Johnson received the flag for the Town Hall building.

The P.T.S.O. would like to unite the community with spirit. It would be wonderful for each school to fly the Agawam flag.

The flags were thought about because of the "Orange and Brown Day" that the High School sponsors in the fall, which started this year and will continue for years to come.

The Agawam flags were made by Ann McDougal of Feeding Hills, who also sold them at the craft fair on June 1st at the Captain Leonard House. A portion of the proceeds will be going to the High School P.T.S.O.

If you would like to purchase a flag and were unable to attend the craft fair, please call the High School or Town Hall.

Area Students Earn Dean's List Standing At Bay Path College

The following local students have attained dean's list standing for academic excellence last semester at Bay Path College in Longmeadow:

Theresa A. Fassnacht of River Road, Agawam, who is a continuing education student enrolled in the Psychology Program. A dean's list student previously, she also belongs to the college's Maroon Key Honor Society.

Marie Andrea Fortier, daughter of Thomas and Andrea Fortier of Pheasant Run Circle, Feeding Hills, who will be a member of the sophomore class this fall and is enrolled in the Business Administration Program.

Brigitte Veronica Labbe, daughter of Sharon Riley of Paul Revere Drive, Feeding Hills, who will be a member of the senior class this fall and is enrolled in the Legal Studies Program. A dean's list student previously, she also belongs to the college's Maroon Key Honor Society.



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“Memorial Day” Essay Winners

*** 1st Place - Brian Benson, Grade 7, Agawam Junior High School**

What The Pledge Of Allegiance Means To Me

The flag of the United States is the symbol of this great country. The flag symbolizes all of the wars and battles for the rights of the people in the U.S. history. This is why we pledge the Allegiance to the flag. It means that we are loyal to our country and stand to fight for it. When I see sports stars during the beginning of a game listening to the National Anthem putting their hats to their chests or maybe wiping a tear from their eye, I feel good to be an American. The reason why I like this country is the fact that you can be anything you want if you try hard enough. When I grow up, I plan to be a professional baseball player and live my dream of being great. When I become a baseball player and listen to the Anthem, I will think of today when I was writing this article.

What the Pledge of Allegiance really means to me is freedom, living in a great country that has a great history, having dreams of being someone special someday, and the fact that I can do and be what I want when I grow up.

It doesn't matter to me if I win this contest or not. I just wanted to say how I thought of life in the United States. Someday I hope what I said now will come true.

*** 2nd Place - Michelle Dise, Grade 8, Agawam Junior High School**

What The Pledge Of Allegiance Means To Me

The pledge of allegiance means loyalty, unity, togetherness, respect for each other and each other's property. Most of all it means freedom. The freedom to live, dress, and be, the freedom to think and do.

The pledging of allegiance is a symbol of what our nation honor, hope, inspiration, full of opportunity pride, fairness. We all stand as one.

Many men years ago fought to give us freedom of speech, freedom of speech gives us choice and allows us to go and do. Pledging the allegiance is a heart-felt love for our country and other people.

I personally feel pledging the allegiance is something that is strongly felt in the heart and soul. Unfortunately many of our people take it for granted and don't bother to understand what it really stands for. The flag is a symbol of our honor, respect and loyalty to our country and our people.

When waking up in the morning the pledge of allegiance should be like a prayer, never forgotten always believing respecting and never forgetting where you came from.

Always standing tall and with much pride for we should be one for all and all for one.

To me my world is my world of much love, hope, and dreams. I will forever be proud of who I am and where I stand. What I have learned will forever be mine to keep.

*** 3rd Place - Brian Chechile, Grade 8, Agawam Junior High School**

The Pledge Of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance means three things to me. These are courage, loyalty, and patriotism. You cannot think of the Pledge of Allegiance without also visualizing the flag of the United States of America. These two seem somehow part of the same.

The people who fought in the Revolutionary War against the British showed great courage by standing up and fighting for what they felt was right. The men and women who have defended our country in the many conflicts that have occurred since then have also shown great courage and loyalty; they were willing to die for the freedom, the liberties, that the United States stands for. Loyalty also means that even though our country is not perfect, great men and women like Martin Luther King, Jr. are able to work hard to make changes in America, still believing that it is the greatest country in the world.

And finally, patriotism means devotion to the United States of America. In order to show your love for your country you need to praise it openly, in front of others. One very important way to do this is by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in public with the knowledge that you and those around you are proud to be part of a nation which believes in "liberty and justice for all."

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MEMORIAL DAY ESSAY CONTEST winners from the Agawam Schools included, from left - Michelle Dise, 2nd place, grade eight; Brian Benson, 1st place, grade seven; and Brian Chechile, 3rd place, grade eight. **IN PHOTO RIGHT** are poster contest winners Lieghanna Daigneau (2nd place) and Jodie Pfau (1st place). Missing: Melissa King, 3rd place in poster contest. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Topper's Helps Agawam High School Band



TOPPER'S ICE CREAM was the scene of a benefit car wash for the Agawam High School Band. Topper's owner and operator Tammy Watson is also the director of the Marching Mohawks. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Jr. High Three Point/Free Throw Winners



THE AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL Non-Users Club recently held its Fourth Annual Three Point/Free Throw Contest. This contest is sponsored each year by the Agawam Junior Women's Club who provide trophies and prizes. This year's three point winners were Caitlyn Conte and Jim Evans. Runners-up were Jill Gendron and Aaron Gilbert. In the Free Throw Contest, the champs were Jen Burke and Mike Brunelle. The runners-up were Sarah Lottermoser and Sean Gaffney. Back row, from left - Caitlyn Conte, Sarah Lottermoser, Jennifer Burke, Sean Gaffney, Sue Hoague (Jr. Women's Club), and Gerald O'Malley (faculty advisor to Non-Users Club). Front row - Aaron Gilbert, Jill Gendron, Jim Evans, and Michael Brunelle. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Comes Thru In Big Way For American Red Cross

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

For once, the traditional arch-rivalry between two area high schools produced nothing but winners—and the real winners won't even know they're benefiting from teens trying to outdo each other.

In fact, they may not even be aware of the long-standing rivalry between Agawam High and West Side High and most likely will not have any interest at all in which side was victorious in the latest athletic competition.

All the real winners will know is that someone somewhere gave the gift that saved their lives.

Vowing to beat West Side in the Red Cross Spring Blood Drive, members of the AHS Future Teachers Club used the three days leading up to their final blood drive of the year to encourage their peers to sign up to give the gift of life by becoming a donor.

FTA President **Nicole Boyer** said the club logged so many advance reservations that extra donation tables had to be ordered the night before the drive.

Pointing to the nine donation stations and a back-log of more than a dozen would-be donors waiting their turn, Nicole said it was the most successful drive she has seen in the four years she has worked on the project.

"Whenever we found out that West Side was having their drive the day before us, we decided we had to beat them," Nicole said.

Although the FTA was offering a prize raffle to boost their reservations, Nicole and club Vice President **Sabrina Ferrari** agreed that what motivated the students to donate blood was not the possibility of winning a prize, but the chance to give something back to the community.

"I think a lot of kids just think it's a good thing to do," Sabrina said.

Nicole added, "I'm hearing people say they just want to help other people."

Senior **Jason Reed** said his first experience as a blood donor was "great" and would probably not be his last.

"I figured it was the right thing to do if someone could use my blood," Jason explained. "I'll probably do it again."

Important Source For Red Cross

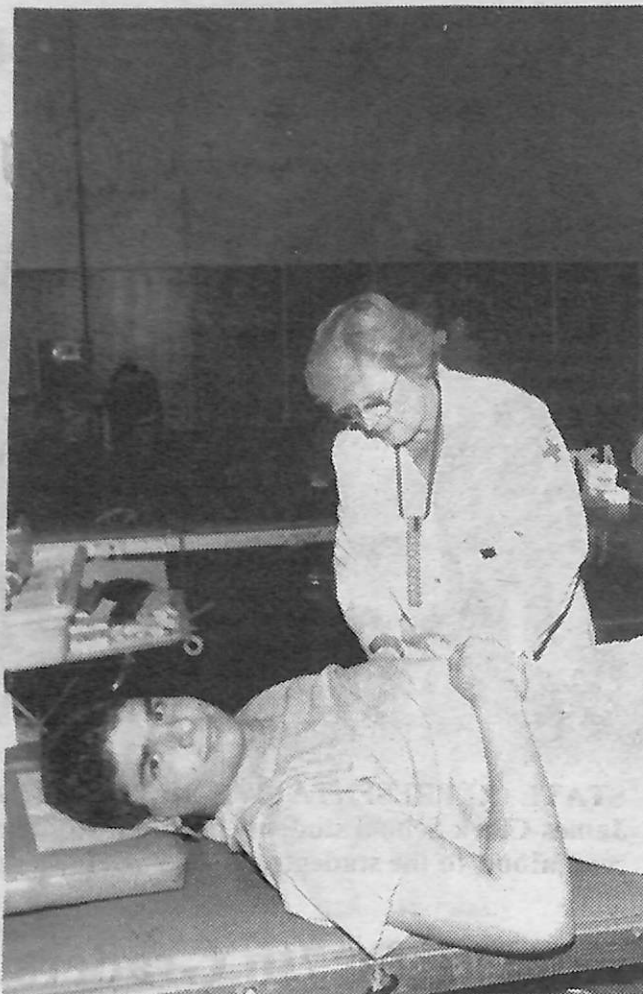
Nursing Manager of Donor Operations **Beverly Savaria** said blood drives at high schools and colleges are an important source for the Red Cross Donor Program and often bring in the first time donors who will become lifelong donors.

"If they come that first time, we've got them for life," Ms. Savaria said.

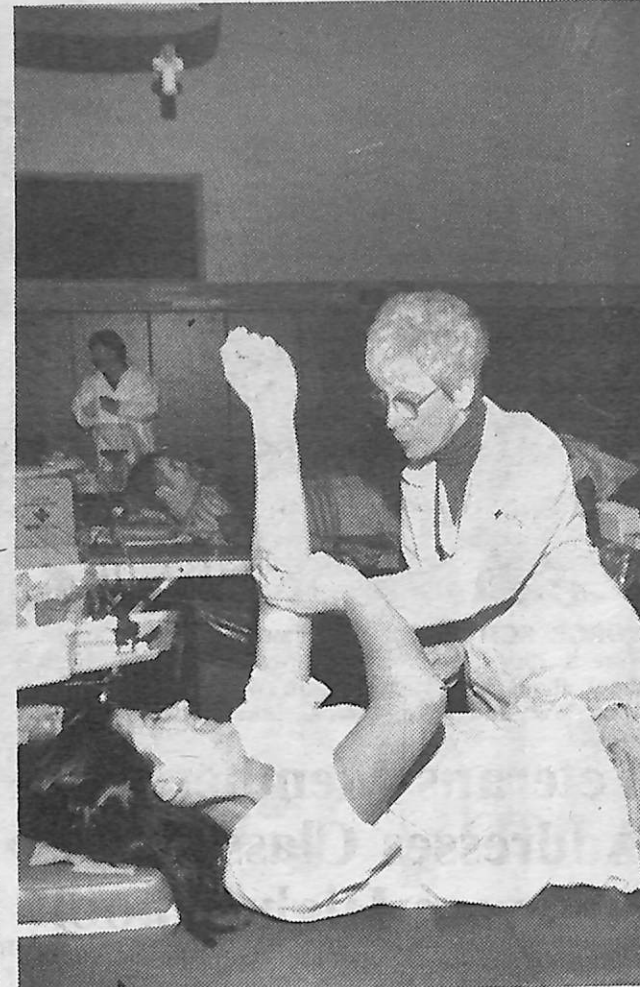
With nine donor stations kept continually busy, the drive netted the Red Cross 104 units of blood.

Next year, the FTA is hoping to sponsor a breakfast as part of their blood drive so that students who often skip the morning meal would be able to sign up as donors, Nicole said.

Prizes for the raffle were donated by Fitness First, McDonald's, Parthenon Restaurant, Dr. Stephen Jacaparo, and local tanning salons and cinemas.



JOHN BUTLER gives blood with the assistance of R.N. **Mary O'Neill**; IN PHOTO RIGHT, **Kelly Day** is all smiles after giving blood with the assistance of R.N. **Theresa Keaveney**. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL students wait in line to donate blood at a blood drive sponsored for the American Red Cross by the Future Teachers Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, June 17th: Steamed frankfort in roll, oven French fries with catsup, slice of cantaloupe or pudding with topping, milk.

Tuesday, June 18th: Hamburg in roll, cheese grinder, steamed parsley rice, green & wax bean medley, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, June 19th: Rotini with meatsauce, tossed garden salad with dressing, Italian bread & butter, apple crisp, milk.

Thursday, June 20th: Filet of chicken sandwich, diced carrots, rosy applesauce, dessert, milk.

Friday, June 21st: Grilled cheese sandwich, oven potato puffs, niblet corn, dessert, milk.

* REMINDER: Elementary lunch is \$1. Tickets must be purchased on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to: The Agawam School Lunch.

Peter Mazza Of Feeding Hills Named "Outstanding Educator" At Westfield State

Westfield State College's John F. Nevins Outstanding Educator Award was presented to Peter Mazza of Agawam at the Division of Graduate and Continuing Education's graduation ceremony on May 17th.

Mazza, vice president for student services at the college and an education instructor, was elected by his students and colleagues through nomination forms which were reviewed by a diverse panel of judges. The award goes to one of nearly 200 Division of Graduate and Continuing Education instructors annually.

According to Susan Quandt, a judge for the award, a driving factor for Mazza's candidacy was the "heartfelt student praise" for the level of encouragement in his teaching and his consideration of students.

"He has a unique way of taking what is a dry topic and making it interesting, humorous, and applicable to current situations and cir-

cumstances," said Andrea Brinnel, a student in Mazza's education law class. "He doesn't just spit out a bunch of facts."

The professor's instructional ability wasn't the only determinant for the award; faculty members lauded Mazza's rapport with students and colleagues.

"Mazza is blind to levels; hierarchy is transparent. A freshman or a dean are equally liable to have his ear," Quandt said.

Students praise Mazza for being sincerely concerned with quality education for children, concern that doesn't go unnoticed in his lectures. This enthusiasm, coupled with his ability to make the complex apparent, has a profound impact on future educators in his class.

"He is genuinely concerned that students grasp the material, and he relates concepts outside of the classroom which help in your life or job," Brinnel said.

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GEORGE SCHLAGEL of Agawam recently spoke before a 10th grade history class at Agawam High School about his experiences in World War II, the Korean War, and in Vietnam. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Veterans Member Addresses Class At Agawam High School

Veterans' Council member George Schlager recently addressed the 10th grade history class at Agawam High School. His topic was "America At War" from the veterans' perspective.

When history teacher Steve Ross made his request to the Agawam Veterans' Council, Schlager volunteered to speak to the history class. Schlager served in World War II, Korea, and in Vietnam, and he is a highly decorated war veteran.

As a result, another teacher requested Schlager to assist her class with his presentation.



ATTENDING THE SELF-STUDY SEMINAR from Agawam High School included Principal Joseph Zabielski (standing), Lorraine Alves (math), Judith Lech (English), and Dean of Students Bernadette Conte. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Educators Attend Self-Study Seminar

Agawam High School Principal Joseph Zabielski, Dean of Students Bernadette Conte, and teachers Lorraine Alves (mathematics) and Judith Lech (English) recently attended a Self-Study Seminar.

Sponsored by the Commission on Public Secondary Schools of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, the Self-Study Seminar is designed to acquaint principals and steering committee members of schools scheduled for evaluation in 1998 with current Commission policies and procedures and a preview of the revised Standards for Accreditation which took effect in 1995.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges, founded in 1885, is the oldest accrediting agency in the country and is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a reliable agency to award accreditation to New England schools.

The Association is a voluntary accrediting agency of over 1,620 public and independent schools, colleges and universities, and vocational, technical, and career institutions. Of these, approximately 680 public middle level and high schools have been accredited through the Association's Commission on Public Secondary Schools.

Rep. Keenan Reads Aloud At Clark School



STATE REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL F. KEENAN (center, standing) is pictured with James Clark School students in Room 15. Keenan came to the school on Friday, May 31st to read aloud to the students. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

MacDuffie 7th Graders Outscore National Norms On SAT's

"Last January, nine MacDuffie seventh graders took SAT's—the same test taken by college-bound high school juniors and seniors—and scored above the national mean for seventh graders and for seniors," according to Headmaster, Michael L. Cornog. "The seventh graders took the test under the auspices of a Johns Hopkins University program to identify gifted and talented students."

He continued, "All but one of the MacDuffie students scored higher than the seventh grade national mean on at least one test. Among those who scored above the national seventh grade average were Brett Mickelson of West Suffield, CT, and Melody Serafino of Feeding Hills. We are very proud of all of these students."

According to Cornog, "The Center for Talented Youth (CTY) at Johns Hopkins runs a talent search to identify gifted students at early ages. Students participate by taking the SAT's along with high school juniors and seniors. This year, 38,056 students nationally took the tests, and CTY tabulated mean scores for those students."

"It is an honor for a seventh grader to take the SAT through this program, and it is a greater accomplishment to achieve or exceed the average for seniors. This is the fifth year in a row that MacDuffie students have performed so well," remarked Cornog.

Students who have done exceptionally well on the tests are eligible to take summer courses offered by CTY in humanities, mathematics, science, and computer science. In offering these courses, CTY demonstrates the belief that "academically talented students should be provided with the opportunity to learn subject matter and to develop skills at a pace and level appropriate to their abilities, rather than their age or grade level."

In addition, "students' academic accomplishments should be acknowledged and rewarded, both for the students' sense of achievement and for credit."

Karen Bottasso Is Named An Alumni Scholar At UMass

Karen Bottasso, daughter of Alice and George Bottasso, Princeton Avenue, Feeding Hills, has become a William F. Field Alumni Scholar at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Each year, the University of Massachusetts Alumni Association awards the top junior-year students with a William F. Field Scholarship (named after the former University Dean of Students).

To be considered for the scholarship, students must be nominated by their school dean and have maintained at least a 3.5 cumulative average on a four-point scale. Students chosen receive a \$750 scholarship and a certificate of recognition.

Bottasso is a member of the Class of 1997 majoring in communication disorders at the University, where she is a Horace Smith Scholar. She graduated from Agawam High School in 1993.

Rena Chicklas Is Studying In Russia

Rena Chicklas, a Dartmouth College sophomore from Agawam, is studying Russian in St. Petersburg, Russia, this spring as part of the college's foreign study program there.

Chicklas is the daughter of Linda Chicklas of Agawam.

Dartmouth's off-campus programs are designed to expand the college's curriculum into new areas of academic and cultural understanding. Through these programs, students are given the chance to study a particular topic in depth.

Dartmouth's off-campus offerings include 44 programs in 17 countries and the United States. Approximately 65 percent of Dartmouth undergraduates take advantage of the college's foreign study opportunities.

Foreign study programs are particularly appropriate to the Dartmouth Plan, a distinctive four-term, year-round system academic calendar which provides unprecedented flexibility in individual study patterns.

Dartmouth, the ninth oldest college in the nation, was founded in 1769. Noted as a highly competitive college, Dartmouth has a total enrollment of some 4,000 undergraduates and nearly 1,000 graduate students in engineering, business, and medicine.



NICOLE BRITTAIN

Nicole Brittain Is A Dean's List Student At Mitchell College

Nicole Brittain of Feeding Hills, currently enrolled at Mitchell College, has completed her freshman year as a Dean's List student.

Nicole, a marine biology major, has achieved a 4.0 grade point average this semester.

She is the daughter of Peter and Gail Brittain of Feeding Hills.

Best local news...

Notes From Agawam Junior High PTO

The Junior High would like to thank all who helped with the Bank of Boston points this year. The school was able to purchase two 27" televisions and two VCR's.

The Science After Supper program is going well. Among other things, the students are working on a solar oven and hope to having a baking contest in the near future.

This year's eighth grade graduation was held on Friday, June 7th. The theme was "Beyond 2000." The dance was a "dress your best" dance open to eighth grade students. The disc jockey was Bill Deveno.

The PTO has signed a contract with QSP for the fall fundraiser during the '96-'97 school year. Rita Scott will be chairing this committee.

Elections for officers were held during the May PTO meeting for the '96-'97 school year. They are as follows: Donna Shibley, President; Patrick Decoteau, First Vice President; Monica Gaffney, Second Vice President; Judy Lavin, Secretary; and Linda Montagna, Treasurer.

The School Council is looking for parent volunteers. Four parents are needed to serve for the '96-'97 school year. As a member of the School Council, you will have an opportunity to work on the school improvement plan, be involved in the budget process, and help make the Junior High a better school. The council generally meets one time per month. If you are interested, please contact Donna Shibley at 786-3888 or Mr. Littlefield at the school.

JUNE EVENTS:

June 21st - Awards assembly.

June 25th: Last day of school (full day).

The last PTO meeting will be held on June 17th at the Piccadilly Pub in West Springfield at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in attending should contact Donna Shibley at 786-3888.

Stephen P. Decoteau Named To Dean's List At Alfred University

Stephen P. Decoteau, a junior in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Alfred University, was named to the Dean's List for the spring 1996 semester. Students on the Dean's List are those who have earned a 3.3—or better—grade-point average for the semester.

Decoteau, a Physics/French major, is a graduate of Agawam High School. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. Patrick Decoteau of Feeding Hills.

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Sixth Graders Have A Blast At Annual Dance



IN TOP PHOTO, sixth graders at the Agawam Middle School enjoy themselves at the annual end-of-the-year dance on Friday, May 31st. IN PHOTO BELOW, playing the tunes at the event were (from left) Brian Asta-Ferrero, Jim Graveline (a teacher at the Agawam Junior High), and Thomas Graveline. RELATED PHOTO ON PAGE 1. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Spring Activities Keeping Students Busy At Clark School

SCHOOL BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

Staff, parents, and students are all excited about our new annual event. This spring, thanks to the P.T.O., parent volunteers, and teacher support, James Clark School's grounds will look a little perkier.

The entire school participated in planting a perennial garden outside the doors of the cafeteria, and two smaller garden areas were started on either side of the entranceway opposite the office as well.

In total, there were 65 perennials planted and two butterfly bushes. Every class in the school planted various perennials and will care for them until school closes. A few teachers have agreed to drop by during the summer to water and weed if needed as well.

The following spring, we are hoping to add to the garden as an annual School Beautification Project. This has developed a stronger sense of school pride for all of the students and has brought the whole school together as a community.

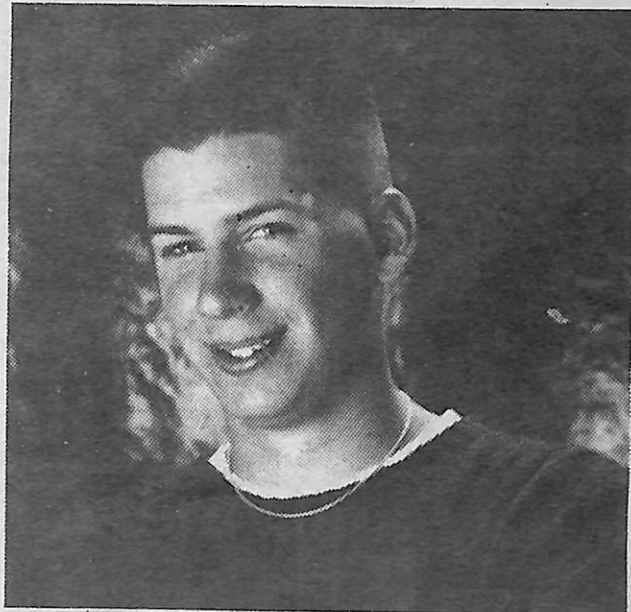
Kudos to all at James Clark School! We plan on making our school the prettiest place to be as well as the best place to learn!

LEARNING "HATCHES" IN THE INTEGRATED FIRST GRADE

Students in Mrs. Gail Curnow's and Mrs. Joyce Rheame's class have become proud "parents" of six cute baby chicks and five beautiful Painted Lady Butterflies.

These cross-curricular activities were provided to the students in their academic learning centers, in correlation to the theme of our reading program. The activities provided allowed the children hands-on learning opportunities as well as encouraged a lot of cooperative learning.

The chickens will be adopted by McCray's Farm in South Hadley soon, which will allow the children to visit their "babies" if they can.



MARK BRITTAIN

Mark Brittain On Dean's List At Western New England

Mark Brittain has earned a place on the Dean's List for distinguished academic achievement during the spring 1996 semester.

The son of Marsha and Paul Brittain, Mark will be entering his sophomore year at Western New England College majoring in Government and Criminal Justice.

He is a graduate of Agawam High School.

School Family Nights At Middle School On June 19th & 20th

The Agawam Middle School will host a School Family Night for Grade 6 on Wednesday, June 19th and for Grade 5 on Thursday, June 20th.

All parents/guardians are welcome to visit their child's classroom and briefly speak with teachers. This is an opportunity for your child to show what he/she has been working on. We hope you can attend this program.

NOTE: THIS IS NOT A CONFERENCE NIGHT. The Agawam Middle School P.T.O. will be in the cafeteria to provide ice cream sundaes, cookies, and refreshments.



STUDENTS AND PARENTS PREPARE BEDS for planting of perennials to begin an annual school beautification event. Thanks to the efforts of PTO members, parent volunteers, and teacher support, the grounds at Clark School definitely look prettier. The entire school participated in planting a perennial garden outside the doors of the cafeteria. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



WATCHING BABY CHICKS HATCH in the integrated first grade class at James Clark School (Room 2) are Caitlin Hurley and Steven Mallory. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

PLEASE REMEMBER that Jack Devine needs at least 48 hours notice to cover your event. Call Jack at 789-0053.



Sports

A Title Twinbill For Agawam High

Late Rally Carries Boys' Baseball To First Ever Western Mass. Title

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

If you can remember the last time the Agawam High School boys' baseball team got into the Western Mass final, by now you've probably lost most of your hair, a few teeth, and maybe your memory is not as sharp as it used to be.

Then, Gerry Smith was a young baseball coach. His son, Boo, the current AHS baseball coach, was a batboy. Agawam had a pitcher named Snake Riley who could bring it at about 95 miles-per-hour. The biggest challenge for the kids on this year's edition of the team was getting 10 feet across the living room floor without falling on their faces.

It was 1978. They lost to Holyoke in the playoffs. Riley went to the Minnesota Twins, never to be heard from again. Gerry retired from coaching. Little kids became big kids. And now, at this writing, they are the Western Mass Division One baseball champions.

It seems improbable. Agawam lost their final three regular-season games this year. It was bad enough for a fifth seed in the tournament. Then they beat Holyoke, top-seeded Cathedral, and finally two-time defending Western Mass champion, Westfield, 6-5 Tuesday to grab the crown.

It was a come-from-behind jewel that saw fine performances all across the board, including a correct decision by Coach Boo Smith.

AHS Scores First In The First...

Agawam, the "visitors" in this game up at Sot Park, scored first in the first. Mike Domaingue (0-3, 1 run scored) walked. Jimmy Baldyga (1-3, 1 run scored) sacrificed him to second. Bryan Menard (1-4, 1 RBI, 1 run scored) drove in Domaingue. John Jacobsen (1-2, 1 RBI) drove in Menard. Menard would say later, "In the words of my good buddy, (freshman baseball coach) Bill Haag, this win was outrageous!"

Jamie Scherban (5½ IP, 4 runs, all earned, 7 hits, 5 K's, 3 walks) started. Scherban, his usual pumped-up self, gave up two Westfield runs in the bottom of the first. It didn't seem to bother him, even though he was matched up against Bomber ace Mike Aucella.

It was two-all going into the fifth. Agawam scored an unearned run when Aucella's defense decided to take a break. Todd Jorgensen (0-3) reached on an error. Scherban (2-3) got aboard on a DP mess-up. He came home on a Chris Chechile (1-4, 1 RBI) single.

Westfield, which didn't become defending Western Mass champs by being chumps, came right back and scored in the bottom of the inning on three singles. It was three-all heading into the sixth.

Things got shaky for the Brownies at that point. Scherban drilled Westfield catcher Casey Hildreth. A 1-3 sac bunt sent Hildreth to second. Scherban punched out the next guy he faced. But second baseman Jason Purdy belted a triple halfway to Springfield.

Westfield was up by one with two out. Coach Smith, not really wanting to yank Scherban, had seen enough. The Agawam coach, who would earn his pay this day, dismissed the senior right-hander. In came left-hander Jimmy Baldyga. Baldyga is as intense as Scherban is loose.

Baldyga (3½ IP, 0 runs, 1 hit, 4 K's, 2 walks) gave up an instant single which scored a run (charged to Scherban).

Brownie Fans Cheer On Their Team...

Westfield was up 5-3. The Brownie faithful on hand were getting edgy but they didn't sit on their hands. They cheered their kids. It worked. Agawam came through in the eighth.

Aucella was confident and throwing high heat. But he was coming off a season-long arm injury, which means he was fast but vulnerable. The Brownies took him out.

Baldyga walked. "Jake" did the same. Bryan O'Quinn took a stroll as well. There were two down and who stepped to the dish—Scherban. It was pure drama. Scherban laced a double between center and right. Three runs came in.

It was 6-5, Agawam. Scherban would comment later, "In the words of Smoky Younik (a championship race car driver), today's hero is tomorrow's bum. I just didn't want to be tomorrow's bum."

Westfield wasn't done. And here was a chance to see how coaching can help you win a game. Smith said at the start of the season that he was going to take risks; that that strategy was part of the game. He did it.

The Bombers were using some of their own. They had a speed merchant pinch runner on first with two outs.

So, Smith ordered Baldyga to walk Purdy, who is a dangerous runner in his own right. Agawam now had a play at any bag. But they had to make the play because speedy Westfield now had the tying run at second.

The next Bomber up hit a ground ball to Scherban at second (that's where he goes when he gets knocked off the mound). He gathered it up and pegged it to Domaingue at short. The Brownies got out of the inning.

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Softball Repeats As Div. I Champs With 7-2 Win

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

As Agawam High Coach Debbie Lickley did her version of a sprint around the bases at Chicopee's muggy Sot Park on Tuesday night, followed by a wild bellyflop at home plate with several of her players, the script had been signed, sealed, and delivered - the Brownies were the two-time Western Mass. Division I Softball Champs and Lickley had her third sectional title.

The victim was Amherst Regional, who bowed this time to the relentless Brownies, 7-2.

Around some circles in Western Mass., it was thought the Brownies could be had this season after nearly becoming state champs in 1995. In Agawam, that was never taken seriously. And in the minds of Lickley and her players, only repeating as Western Mass. champs would determine if the 1996 season was a success.

Setting High Standards

The standards set on the softball diamond at Agawam High are indeed lofty ones.

On Thursday, June 13th, the locals will travel to Spencer to face North Middlesex in the state semi-finals. The 20-3 Brownies are hoping this game will lead them back to another crack at the state title. Whatever happens, the Brownies certainly are the boss of Western Mass.

Last week top-seeded Northampton and Amherst played for the right to meet Agawam in the WMass final. During the regular season the Brownies had defeated both teams. The outcome

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on Tuesday night was the result of the pitching of senior ace Laura Rapa (3-0 in the playoffs, 2 runs allowed, including 17 2/3 without allowing a run), timely hitting (including four by sophomore sensation Kristen Patterson), and the usual "take advantage of everything" mentality of this team.

The Brownies took a 2-0 lead in the first frame on a single by sophomore Amber Conte and a triple by Junior Melissa Troie. Troie scampered home on a wild pitch by Amherst's Erin Chaney.

Although the Hurricanes did manage to knot the title game at 2-2 with two runs off Rapa in the top of the fourth, it didn't last long.

In the fifth, the Brownies went ahead for good and then put their signature on the event with a four run sixth.

The wicked-fast Patterson tallied her third single of the game and scurried to third on a pair of fielding boo-boos by Amherst. She scored the winning run when Jen O'Neil launched a sacrifice fly.

Floodgates Open In The Sixth

The floodgates opened up in the sixth after Troie reached on an error. Senior Becky Wing sacrificed Troie to second and then Stephanie Fleming singled, sending Troie to third. Patterson, who set a school record for steals in the game with her 52nd theft, then crashed a triple to send Troie and Fleming across home plate.

A walk to Erica Pratt sent Patterson to second and then each would score on a single by senior catcher Courtne Hyland.

In the seventh, Rapa would rap it up. A grounder to second base was handled with ease for the third out and the wild celebration of players and fans ensued.

The champs ended with nine hits while Amherst sliced and diced for six. They committed two errors to Agawam's one.

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But it still wasn't over. Westfield was the home team designate. They were going to get last licks.

It was the bottom of the ninth. Baldyga nailed a Bomber batter and sent him to first. A pinch runner came in and stole second. "Cakes" threw out Ryan Wallace, who was heading to first after a Baldyga strikeout. The pinch runner, Jeff Massoni, went to third.

Bomber Coach Tom Sgroi sent Massoni home on the next pitch. There were two outs. The Westfield coaching staff hadn't done their homework. Baldyga and Chechile are not people against whom you pull that kind of little league play.

They've played together through every baseball organization there is in Agawam. They are very aware kids. They nailed Massoni so fast he could have sat down, had dinner, and phoned home.

It was over. Agawam, the Western Mass champion, was now looking forward to its Wednesday battle (at presstime) with the Central Mass champion, Leominster.

Sunday Night Summer Soccer League

The Sunday Night Summer Soccer League (SNSSL) is back for its second season beginning on July 7th at Agawam High School.

The SNSSL is a six-on-six Men's/High School league. It will run for eight weeks, beginning July 7th and ending with playoffs on August 25th. The fee for the league is \$20 per person, which covers the cost of uniform shirts and referee fees.

Once again, the league will be directed by Jeff Rousseau with help from Agawam High School coaches, players, and alumni.

Last year, in its inaugural season, the SNSSL saw 82 participants from eight teams. Italy won the bragging rights in dramatic fashion by knocking off U.S.A. in shoot-outs.

For more information or to sign up for a team, contact Jeff Rousseau, 789-6539; Dwight Northrup, 734-3926; or Jason Jean, 786-4368.

Brownie Softball Helps With Clinic



SPONSORED BY THE SACRED HEART ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION for 8-10 and 11-13 year-old girls from the SHAA, members of Debbie Lickley's Agawam High girls' varsity baseball team held a clinic earlier this spring that was a rousing success. The coaching staff and players instructed the girls in the finer arts of bunting, fielding, and hitting. IN PHOTO BELOW, Becky Wing gives the up-and-comers some fielding tips. IN TOP PHOTO, pitcher Rapa watches the girls bunt. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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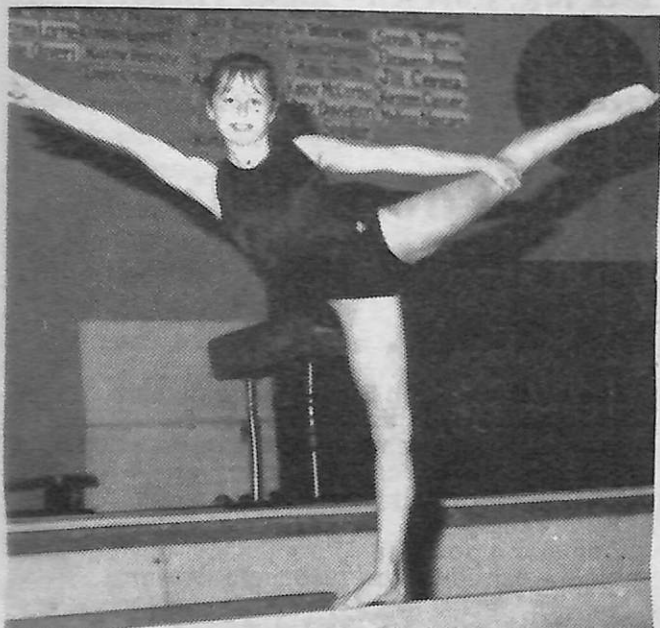
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GIRLS FROM TIM DAGGETT GOLD MEDAL GYMNASTICS who competed in the Mass. State Meet included (back) Paula Ballentine, Erica Gildersleeve, and Shannon DelGuidice. Front row - Devon Ehret. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



KRISTIE WOSZCZYNA, an Agawam Middle School sixth grader, has qualified for the US Gymnastic Club Meet in Orlando, Florida.

Kristie Woszczyzna Qualifies For US Gym Meet

Kristie Woszczyzna, a local gymnast from Pioneer Gymnastics in East Longmeadow, has qualified to compete in the United States Association of Independent Gymnastics Clubs (USAIGC) national competition. It will be held in Orlando, Florida from June 9th-15th.

Kristie qualified at a local meet in March to compete in the regional meet on May 18th in New York. In New York, she earned a score that qualified her for this national event. Twelve-hundred top gymnasts from all over the country will be competing in the nationals.

This meet marks the end of a great gymnastics season for Kristie, who is a sixth-grade student at the Agawam Middle School. Kristie is currently a Level 8 gymnast and is coached by Leo Leger. She is the daughter of Al and Donna Woszczyzna of 17 South Brooke Lane.

Good luck, Kristie!



TIM DAGGETT GOLD MEDAL GYMNASTICS girls' team members who participated in the recent Mass. State Championships included, back row - Lisa DiRosa, Rebecca Langlands, Whitney Quist, Jan Carlson, and Kelly Palladino. Front row - Christine Hill, Katie Farley, and Michelle Guillerault. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Thirteen Girls From Daggett Gymnastics Compete At Mass. State Championship

Thirteen of the Levels 5, 6, and 7 girls from the Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics Girls' Team recently competed at the Massachusetts State Championships. Sponsored by the Massachusetts division of USA Gymnastics, this event included only the best of the team gymnasts at these levels, and though the competition was stiff, the girls stayed in the running throughout the meet.

At Level 5 (ages 7-8) were Jan Carlson and Michelle Guillerault. Jan won 1st Place on Vault with 9.1, and had other good scores of 8.5 on Bars, 7.15 on Beam, and 7.85 on Floor for an All-around 32.60. Michelle had good consistent scores of 8.0 on Vault, 8.15 on Bars, 7.8 on Beam, and 8.3 on Floor for an All-around 32.25.

In the 9-10 age group were Katie Farley, Christine Hill, Marjorie Moriarty, and Kellyn Palladino. Katie earned a high All-around of 33.55, the total of individual scores of 8.25 (Vault), 8.8 (Bars), 8.1 (Beam), and 8.4 (Floor).

Christine's 32.75 All-around was the result of consistent scores of 8.6 (Vault), 8.3 (Bars), 7.7 (Beam), and 8.15 (Floor). Marjorie had similar scores of 8.1 (Vault), 8.35 (Bars), 7.4 (Beam), 8.4 (Floor), and All-around 32.25.

Kellyn as well had good scores: 8.05 (Vault), 8.475 (Bars), 7.95 (Beam), 7.5 (Floor), and A-A

31.975. The Age 11-12 competitors were Lisa DiRosa, Rebecca Langlands, and Whitney Quist. Lisa's All-around (33.925) was the highest for the Level 5 team, with individual scores of 8.5 (Vault), 8.625 (Bars), 8.3 (Beam), and 8.5 (Floor).

Rebecca's scores, 8.45 (Vault), 8.4 (Bars), 7.3 (Beam), and 7.8 (Floor) earned her a 31.95. Whitney's scores, 8.85 for 5th Place (Vault), 8.475 (Bars), 8.0 (Beam), and 7.65 (Floor) earned her a 32.975.

At Level 6 (age 10-11), the competitors were Shannon DelGuidice, Devon Ehret, and Paula Ballentine. Shannon earned scores of 8.3 on Vault, 7.85 on Bars, 8.45 on Beam, and 8.2 on Floor for an All-around of 32.8. Devon scored 8.95 on Vault, 8.4 on Bars, 8.275 on Beam, and 8.55 on Floor for an A-A of 34.175. Her teammate, Paula, finished off with 8.975 on Vault, 8.25 on Bars, 8.675 on Beam, and 8.575 on Floor for an A-A of 34.475.

The team's only Level 7 competitor was Erica Gildersleeve, who placed fifth on Vault and scored an impressive 9.15. Also, she scored 7.5 on Bars, 7.0 on Beam, and 7.65 on Floor for an A-A of 31.3. The Girls' team is coached by Head Coach Joe Salmeri, and Assistant Coaches Patrick Rooney, Marina Vernaya, and Tina Reis.

Daggett Gymnasts Morace & Szymczyk Qualify For Jr. Olympic Championships

Class 2 gymnasts Darren Morace of Westfield and John Szymczyk of Feeding Hills qualified to compete in Individual Event Finals at the Junior Olympic National Gymnastics Championships held May 10th-12th in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Out of 161 Class 2 gymnasts, Morace placed 23rd in the Regional Team competition on Friday, May 10th, finishing fourth on vault. This finish qualified him to participate in event finals on vault on Sunday, May 12th, where he took a sixth place medal.

John Szymczyk placed 20th in the Regional Team competition and took a third place finish on floor, qualifying him for Sunday's event finals, where the placed seventh on the floor.

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Turn Your Toes Out For A Better Turn

Many players, particularly as they get older and less limber, have a tough time making a proper turn, and as a result they lose distance. One simple solution is to turn or toe-out your feet, with your left foot toed-out slightly more than your right.

Too often people confuse the term "square stance" with turning their toes in, so that their feet are at right angles to the target line. This toed-in stance restricts body movement.

Another benefit to toeing-out your feet is that it gives you a solid base to swing from and will help you keep in balance throughout the swing.

So remember: toes in restricts your swing, toes out gives you the freedom to turn — and to turn on the power.

I recommend turning your left toe out 20 degrees and your right toe 10 or 15 degrees.

Jr. Golf Clinic Again Being Held At Oak Ridge CC

Oak Ridge Golf Club will once again hold its Annual Junior Golf Clinic during the month of July on each Monday and Thursday beginning on July 8th. There is no charge for this annual clinic.

On Monday, July 8th, registration and introduction to the sessions will be held. On Thursday, July 11th, grip, stance, and introduction to swing will be covered.

The final four classes will be held down the road at Longhi's Driving Range on Rte. 57 in Southwick. The Monday, July 15th clinic will cover "body coil"; Thursday, July 18th, "weight transfer"; Monday, July 22nd, "chipping & putting"; and Thursday, July 25th, "Contest Day."

The clinic will be held from 8:00 to 9:15 a.m. for 12-17 year-olds; 7-11 year-olds can enjoy the clinic from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m.

Sponsors for the Junior Golf Clinic include The Agawam Advertiser News, Longhi's Driving Range, the Strycharz Family of Oak Ridge Golf Club, Fran Johnson's, Gary Campbell and Top-Flite, Larry Belloradio and Titleist, and the Joseph F. Amaral Junior Open.

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AHS Frosh Girls' Softball Has Great Season



MEMBERS OF THE 1996 Agawam High girls' freshman softball team recently finished an outstanding season under Coach Al O'Quinn. Back row, from left - Kristin Pisano, Darla Haffke, Kristin Chmielewski, Dawn Bucalo, Debby Boissonneault, Bridget Donovan, and Coach Al O'Quinn. Front row - Kornelia Moysis (captain), Lindsay Mason (captain), Michelle Beaudette, Erin Rescigno, Jessica Montagna, and Jill Maslowski. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Boys' Basketball Camp To Be Offered Again This Summer

Lou Conte and Mike Martin, the varsity girls' and boys' basketball coaches at Agawam High School this past year, will conduct a basketball camp for boys ages eight to 16 again this year at Grand Meadow Health and Racquet Club.

The camp, in its eighth year, will be held for two weeks—July 8th-12th and July 15th-19th. The camp stresses fundamentals and fun.

For further information, contact Conte at 786-7729, or Martin at 789-0494.

Advanced Girls' Soccer Camp To Be Offered This July

UMASS women's coach Jim Rudy and Agawam boys' coach Dwight Northrup will conduct an advanced girls' soccer camp on Saturday and Sunday, July 13th and 14th. The hours are 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., and the cost is \$25.

To register or for more information, call Dwight Northrup at 734-3926.

AHS Football Team To Hold Car Wash On Saturday, June 15th

The Agawam High School football team will be holding a car wash on Saturday, June 15th, at Sacred Heart Church from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The cost is \$2 for cars and \$3 for vans. Proceeds from this event will be used to benefit the AHS football program.

Come support the Brownies by having your vehicle washed by the 1996 football team.

Parks Dept. Forming Men's Volleyball; Meeting On June 24th

The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department will once again sponsor a Men's Volleyball League this fall.

An organizational meeting will be held on Monday, June 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Recreation Office. Anyone interested in participating is invited to attend.

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Dante Club I	5	5
202 Liquors	5	7
Michael Anthony's I	4	4
B.S. Braves	3	3
Agawam Spirit Shoppe	0	8

CENTRAL LEAGUE	W	L
Abbett Bus. Ser.	11	1
Riverdale Lanes	10	2
EB's	9	2
Agawam Moose/Witch Equip.	6	6
Take 5	5	6
Royal Cafe	4	4
Agawam Speed	4	5
Expert Tire	3	9
Bertelli's	2	9
Dante Club II	1	11

WESTERN LEAGUE	W	L
Michael Anthony's II	7	1
Buccaneer II	7	1
Buccaneer I	7	3
La Mirage	5	3
Omni Glow	4	3
Olympic Fastener	3	5
Teddy Bear Pools	3	6
All For A Dollar	3	5
Desi's Lounge	3	6
Roc Rimmon	1	12

Agawam Little League Standings

MAJOR LEAGUE (As Of 6/1/96)	W	L
Bridgeport National Royals	10	0
Schlafer Chiropractic Indians	6	4
Haste Fence Athletics	5	5
Soda City Dodgers	5	5
Rollaway Mets	5	5
Valenti's Restaurant Red Sox	4	6
Hood's Giants	4	6
Scott's Citgo Braves	4	6
Agawam DARE Orioles	3	7
Agawam Public Mkt. Yankees	3	7

MINOR LEAGUE (As Of 6/8/96)	W	L
Ayre Real Estate Giants	7	1
Lions Club Orioles	6	1
Parrotta's Auto Sales Athletics	6	1
Luigi's Pizza & Pasta Braves	6	3
Polish Club Royals	5	2
Bolduc Screen Printing Yankees	3	4
Dreyer Plumb. & Heat. Dodgers	3	5
Teddy Bear Pool Mets	3	6
Longhi's Golf Center Indians	0	8
VFW Post 1632 Red Sox	0	8

Agawam Women's Softball League

	W	L
TJ's Sporthouse	8	0
Holyoke	7	1
Southworth	6	1
Tanning Zone	5	2
Club 57	5	3
Caprisi Salon	4	5
Bobby's Bistro	4	4
Elbow Lounge	2	5
Balzer	2	6
Bad News Bears	0	7
Michael Anthony's	0	9

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TEAM	W	L
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Westfield Savings Bank Rockies	6	4
Agawam Federal Credit Union Blue Jays	4	6
E.B's Red Sox	3	5
Baystate Gas Orioles	4	7
Valenti's Athletics	2	8

"Tony Strycharz" Golf Classic Is Scheduled For Wednesday, July 10th

The 17th Annual "Tony Strycharz" Golf Classic has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 10th, at Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills. The starting time is 11:30 a.m.

This event will benefit the Bureau for Exceptional Children and Adults at Jericho. Registration for the tournament is now under way.

You can have a cart, lunch, soda, and fruit on the course, as well as a delicious prime rib dinner. Plus, there will be a prize for everyone.

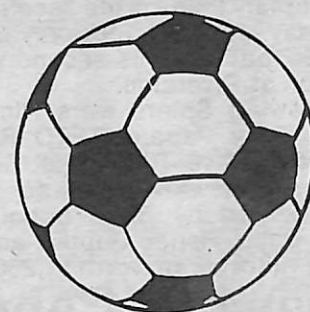
What's more, participants will have the opportunity to win a \$10,000 cash prize for making a hole-in-one on the eighth hole!

The cost is \$90 for both the golf and dinner, or \$30 for the dinner only.

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Spiers, Carroll, Ermark, & Kretchman Take Riverside Racing Victories

Double points always means double trouble, and the Saturday, June 8th racing program sponsored by Lincoln-Mercury Dealers Association/International Auto Body was no exception to the rule at Riverside Park Speedway in Agawam.

With heavy thunderstorms all around, this event produced an even bigger "storm" as 4,192 Winston race fans witnessed **Eddy Spiers** take his first Modified four-type victory of 1996.

It was Dave Gallo from the front row to lead for four laps, and then Fran Principi drove low to take the lead. Principi was pulling away when Eddy Spiers was moving forward at a consistent pace. Tony Papale also showed great strength early on, as did Richie Gallup and late-event charger Richard Savary.

On lap 12, Spiers drove low to take the lead; at lap 20, he had pulled away from the field. Behind him were Richard Savary and Tony Papale in a wheel-to-wheel battle. Then, with 10 laps to go, Savary moved in to challenge Spiers.

Yet, Spiers was so smooth that he just never gave up an inch of the racetrack. His victory on Saturday, June 8th, not only marked his first win of 1996, but also his second win in the Modified division at Riverside.

Following Spiers were Richard Savary (Bill's Auto), Tony Papale (TETO Racing/Kurowski Insurance), Dave Berube (JUSTITIA), and Robert Summers (Newtown Electric). Sixth through 10th were earned by Brian Schofield, Tom Jensen, David Gallo, Renee Dupuis, and Jim Houghton.

The victory was worth \$1,200 from International

Agawam Cobras Win U-9 Girls' Tourney In Avon, Conn.

The Agawam Cobras (girls' under 9 Pioneer Valley soccer team) were the winners of the Avon Memorial Day Soccer Tournament.

This was no easy task, for the girls were participating in their very first out-of-state tournament. The team accomplished this with a record of four wins and one tie, scoring 13 out of a possible 15 points.

The girls achieved this feat with a total team effort. The defense and keepers allowed only three goals in five games, while the offense saw eight different girls score a total of 19 goals.

The Cobras totally dominated the five games they played, starting with their 1-1 tie with host team Avon on Saturday, May 25th. Then, they handed losses to North Kingston, Rhode Island (3-1) and Witton, CT (5-0).

On Sunday morning, May 26th, the Cobras played Manchester, CT, and easily defeated them 8-0. The final game was played against a strong Brookfield, CT, team that was favored to win the tournament.

Again, the Cobra girls rose to the occasion and outplayed their opponent. With tremendous hustle, defense and excellent passing, they defeated Brookfield, 2-1.

The girls celebrated by drenching Coach Marr and Coach Fox with a variety of liquids; water, ice, juice, and blue and red Gatorade. Truth be told, it was probably the girls' favorite part of the tournament, and it was certainly fun to watch!

On behalf of all the girls and their parents, we would like to thank Coach Denny Marr and Assistant Coaches Steve Fox and Dave Boisvert in Avon as well as throughout the entire Pioneer Valley spring season. The time and effort they give the girls is very evident.

Auto Body and Lincoln-Mercury.

"We have had such a tough time getting 'dialed in' this year with the weather and everything. Still, tonight the car was great; Goodyears were the secret. This win is for my dad, brother, and the team," said a deserving Eddy Spiers. It was a popular win with everyone.

Eddy Carroll held on through several restarts after taking the lead from Bill Lauridsen in the Pro Stock feature. Bill was real strong and drove a great race, and heavy pressure was also applied by Fran Colson. These three pulled away from the field in the closing laps.

As the checker came out, it was Carroll who dominated and pulled away for another win. This expanded the point lead for the Riverside motorsports team.

At the finish, it was Eddy Carroll (Sunoco Race Fuels) in for the win worth \$800. Second was Bill Lauridsen (Bumper To Bumper) over Fran Colson (Gary's Lawn Care), Scott Bouley (Signature Sent), and Jeff Conners.

Rounding out the top 10 in this division were Tom Fearn, Tom Carey, John Lobo, Bennett Fuller, and Gary Fiormonti.

"This really helps in my quest for the 1996 title. The restart was a tough call, but I had plenty of time to get the job done. This was a tough night; points make people do crazy things," said Eddy Carroll. It was Eddy's third win.

Late Model action in the Lincoln-Mercury/Inter-

national Auto Body event was just as exciting. Rob Choquette took the early lead, as Ken Marquis and Ted Chalmers looked strong with Roy Houle. But Chalmers eventually lost a motor and things took a while to settle in.

However, it was **Bob Ermark** who ultimately powered his way to the front, and Tom Dileo never let him get out of his sight. With 10 laps to go, Chris Wenzal was right there, too, along with Todd Owens.

In the final five laps, Ermark made his mark to earn his second victory Dileo (Argus Inc.), Wenzal (D&S Roofing), Owens (Coker Const.), and Joe Rzesutek (Rebestos Brakes).

The sixth- through 10-place spots in this division were taken by Gee Perry, Skip Brunig, John Severns, P.J. Pelc, and Brian Locke.

Patrick Kretchman won his first Pro Stock race in the "Flintstone Flyer." He drove a smooth race to expand his lead by two cars over Jim Summers, Scott Neleber, Patrick Townsend, and Rosi Hall.

Rounding out the top 10 for the Pro Stocks were Rick Leavitt, Bill Remein, Mark Anderson, Dennis Charette, and Keith Carzello.

This Saturday, June 15th, it's the ACME Auto Supply/Reliable Race Car Parts four-division special. Adults are priced at just \$12.99, and kids (11 and under) are just \$2.99 each. The action is set to start at 6:00 p.m.

For further information, contact Riverside Park Speedway at 786-9300.



AGAWAM COBRAS GIRLS Under 9 Coaches Denny Marr, Dave Boisvert, and Steve Fox and team members hold their championship trophies following their 2-1 victory over Brookfield, Connecticut at the Avon, Connecticut Memorial Weekend Soccer Tournament. This was the first out-of-state tournament for the Cobras.

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Agawam Tigers Reach Finals Of Girls U-11 Newtown Tournament

The Agawam Tigers from the Agawam Soccer Association, who play in the Pioneer Valley Girls Under-11 Soccer League, reached the finals of the recent Newtown Soccer Tournament in Newtown, Connecticut on Memorial Day Weekend.

The Tigers, coached by Ed Brown and Joe Ruhl, enjoyed four strong victories before bowing to an excellent team from Fairfield, Connecticut on Memorial Day. This was the most successful tournament the Tigers have enjoyed as the girls captured the second place trophy.

The strong performance at the Memorial Day Tournament in Newtown came at a time when the Tigers were enjoying a much higher level of play in the very tough U-11 Pioneer Valley "A" Division, which includes the undefeated Ludlow Lightning, a team that reached the finals of a "Maple" Tournament in Nashua, New Hampshire on Memorial Day Weekend; East Longmeadow, another team which has won several regional tournaments over the past few years (EL had not lost a league game in the past two fall seasons and in the spring 1995 season); and the Ludlow Cyclones, a team which has distinguished itself both in the league and in regional tournaments.

The Tigers ended their spring season in a 0-0 tie vs. Ludlow's Cyclones. The girls outplayed the Cyclones and outshot them 14-4. The Tigers hit two posts and had eight outstanding chances to score while the Cyclones only had one quality shot on goal. The game ended with the Tigers banging a ball off the post on a semi-breakaway.

Coaches Brown and Ruhl would like to thank all of the parents who lent their support at the Memorial Day Tournament and throughout the spring season.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM TIGERS U-11 girls' soccer team finished as runners-up in the Newtown Memorial Weekend Soccer Tournament. Back row - Coach Ed Brown, Brittany Theriaque, Kim Hoague, Whitney Brown, Victoria Ruhl, Coach Joe Ruhl, Melissa Savenko, Aimee Beaudette, Jennifer Sharpe, and Erin McLane. Front row - Kaitlin Haglund, Kristan Lagueria, Nicole Sadak, Trisha Fitchben, Vicky Taylor, Danielle Cirillo, Kaitlin Sardella, Meaghan Brown, and Sherri Laskowski.

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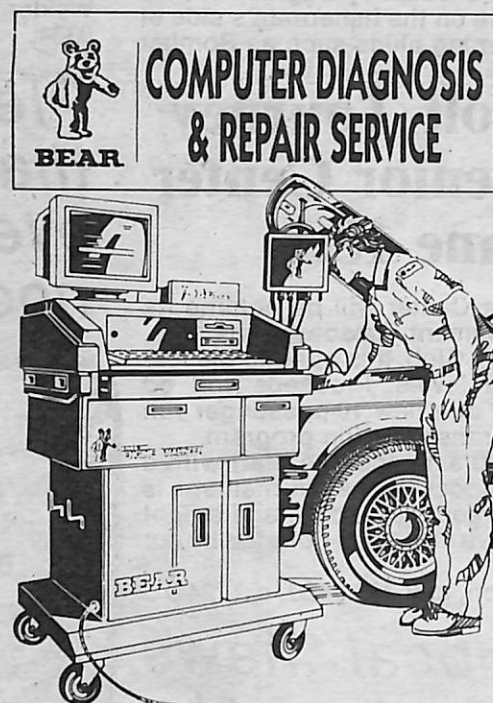
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Those Dam Stripers

"Those dam stripers" is not an epithet, but a location of some of the hottest striper fishing around. The dam I am referring to is the Enfield Dam. This structure spans the Connecticut River between Enfield and Suffield, Connecticut.

Each year thousands of striped bass follow the blueback herring (one of their favorite snacks) up river. The herring are on their annual spawning run and the stripers are on a feeding binge.

Although the Enfield Dam has breached and is no longer effective in maintaining water levels upstream, it serves as a temporary obstacle to migrating fish. Shad, herring, and other fish will congregate below the dam, seeking the correct route to take in their upstream quest.

The state-controlled shad fishing area off Canal Road in Suffield, Connecticut, is not attracting many shad fishermen. Instead, striper aficionados with surf rods have replaced the army of shad fishermen in recent years, and with good reason.

Why drive for several hours to reach the coast, when quality striper fishing is less than 20 minutes away for most of our readers? Chest waders are the order of the day for shore fishermen, and shallow drift boats are the ticket for boat fishermen.

Both shore and boat anglers rely on live herring that they have snagged at the base of the dam. The herring is hooked through the nostrils or lips and are allowed to drift downstream in the fast water. When a strike occurs, allow the reel to free spool some line, allowing the striper to get a secure hold on the bait. Set the hook with authority and hold on!

Many fishermen also cast salt water plugs such as poppers and swimming plugs. Traditional favorites such as the blue and white Atom Poppers and the Pop Rattle & Roll by Gag's Grabbers are rolling up the score on the fisherman's side of the score card. Swimming plugs such as Bomber

Long A and Mambo Minnows are taking their share of fish.

A word of warning to first timers and novices who are itching to give this great fishery a try. A tightly cinched wader belt is mandatory for those using traditional chest waders. A pair of Corkers or other non-slip foot gear is a great idea. The current is very strong and any momentary loss of footing can have you on your way downstream in a less than graceful fashion!

Boat anglers who are not familiar with the upstream passage from the King's Island launch ramp, should take it slow and easy. Small islands and numerous shoals can offer tricky navigation problems. This is one place where charging upstream, full speed ahead, is not a wise choice of options, regardless of how excited you are.

If you have had your fill of striper fishing, or if they are just not hitting that day, the numerous islands and coves around King's Island provide ideal habitat for some jumbo smallmouth bass.

The smallmouth are hitting suspending stick baits and four-inch slider worms. The deeper outer edges of emerging weed lines have been harboring some real bruisers. Jig and twister tail grub combinations are working well when vertically jigged around fallen tree limbs near deep water.

River largemouth are hunkered down in the thickest vegetation you can find. Top water action has been tremendous using buzz baits. Persistence pays off, with a few legal-sized northern pike mangling terminal tackle.

With the water levels going up and down like a yo-yo due to heavy rains, be extra cautious when boating the river. Recent thunderstorms have resulted in many large tree branches floating down river. Take the few extra minutes required to carefully arrive at your destination and avoid colliding with a half-submerged log.

CLUB NEWS

AGAWAM BOWMEN CLUB

The Agawam Bowmen Club has announced the dates for the remainder of the 1996 bowhunter shoots. The dates to remember are June 30, 1996 and August 25, 1996. The registration fee is \$6 for either shoot. Registration times are 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the day of the shoots.

There will be 15 shooting classes, utilizing 30 McKenzie Natural-Look Targets. Both free camping and food service will be available. The club grounds are located on Rt. 57 on the Southwick/Agawam town line.

For more information, contact Brian Beltz, (413) 739-6648; Art Enderle, (413) 749-0234; Dennis Wylder, (413) 569-0334; or Fran Wylder, (413) 569-0334.

Annual Golf Tourney For Ag. Senior Center Set For June 18th

The Agawam Senior Center will be holding its first annual golf tournament Tuesday, June 18th, at the Agawam Country Club. It is open to players of all ages and skill levels. Proceeds will go towards the purchase of a new 10-passenger van used in the Center's transportation program.

There will be an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start with a best ball format. The cost of the tournament is \$25, which includes greens fees, cart, and a light lunch. Raffle prizes have also been donated by our area merchants.

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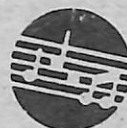
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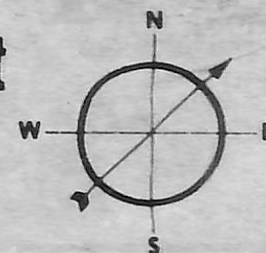
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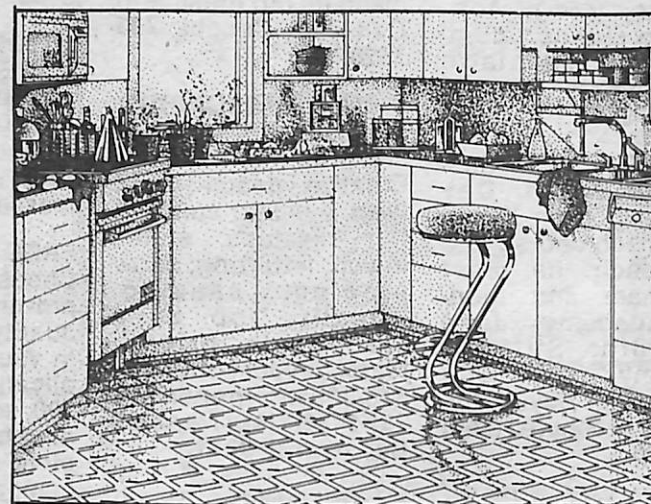
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